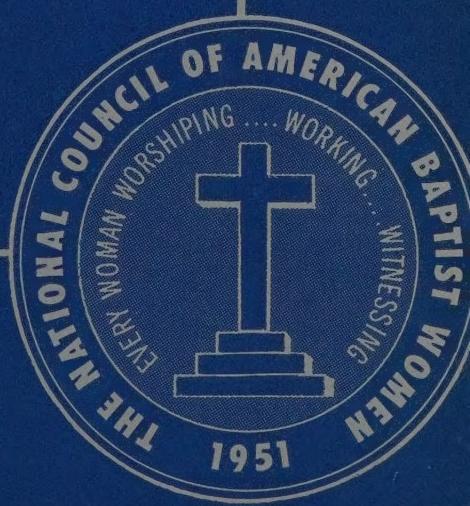


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What's Ahead?

"The Great Issue Facing American Baptists" was the thought-provoking subject of the symposium to which eighteen denominational leaders contributed in the March, 1960, issue of the *Crusader*. Similar groups in other denominations and in major units of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. have been involved in comparable discussions which were sparked by a most significant consultation on comprehensive long-range planning, arranged by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, in November, 1959, at the request of the General Committee on Program and Field Operations. In this consultation on long-range planning approximately seventy persons from twenty communions participated. Included in this number were top executives, titular heads or persons directly involved in program planning in national denominational organizations, major units of the National Council of Churches, state and metropolitan councils of churches, and members of the staff of the National Council of Churches. In February, 1960, the General Board of the National Council of Churches, meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, spent the greater part of a day in a discussion on the basic issues confronting Christians and the churches during the next ten, twenty or even fifty years. An analysis of these issues and the ways of meeting them will be the major interest of the National Council's General Assembly at its December, 1960, meeting in San Francisco.

Comprehensive long-range planning has been defined as a united approach to the development and carrying out of policies, objectives, and strategy in a co-operative Christian ministry to meet human needs. Its aim is to manifest unitedly the mission of the church in the entire world. It involves determination of needs, clarification of the purpose of the church, assignment of present programs and resources, selection of major objectives for co-ordinated emphasis, agreement upon strategy, organization for implementation, and review including redirec-

tion in the light of experience. "It is not primarily a venture in organization or program," says Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, Associate General Secretary, of the National Council of Churches, "but a movement in the minds and spirits of the people of the churches which, God willing, may become a veritable movement of the Holy Spirit."

Since the publication of the March issue of *Crusader*, the collapse of the Summit and the Ten-Nation Disarmament Conferences, the rioting in Korea and Japan, the situation in the Congo, Cuba, and Mexico have been sobering commentaries on the question "What's Ahead?"

If there ever were a time when the church needed to "Stop, Look and Listen" it is now. Stop to consider its purpose and the great issues facing it; look into the future and out on the world; listen as God speaks through his Word and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. In the light of the daily news how pertinent is Moffatt's translation of 1 Peter 4:7—"Steady then, keep cool and pray!" Appropriate, too, is this year's emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance on spiritual renewal through Bible study and prayer.

One of the obvious issues facing the church today is that of world understanding and peace. With spiritual renewal within the church must come a new emphasis on the dignity of man, evangelism, and stewardship. It is the world-wide Christian community and the United Nations that are holding the world together against the terrific centrifugal forces of hate, prejudice, misunderstanding, and national self-interest. It is the graduates of mission schools of all denominations that have provided much of the creative national leadership in the United Nations.

American Baptist women will want to share with other women in this country and overseas in a study, during January 1961, of J. Carter Swaim's *There Came A Woman*, based on the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John, in preparation for the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. The responsibility to make an impact on the alarming secular culture of the United States and of our churches comes as a tremendous challenge to us as Christian women. How much we need Paul's "sense of what is vital" (Philippians 1: 10, Moffatt translation)!

What lies ahead for the National Council of American Baptist Women? That is up to us as under the guidance of God's Spirit we seek to know and to follow his will and his plan for the church and for the world for which he died.

To the Presidents

From: HELEN STUBER (Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)

National President

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Presidents:

Echoes of the American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York, the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Rio de Janeiro, and the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, are blended and are resounding in my ears. In less than seven weeks' time, I had the opportunity to attend—and in some measure to share in—all three of these important gatherings. In all three meetings the spirit of unity in Christ and the desire to witness more fully for him was expressed in a multitude of ways.

Baptist women around the world are now organized into six continental unions. Meetings of these continental unions are scheduled between the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance, thus making it possible for Baptist women to meet twice in the five-year period for planning, for fellowship, and for sharing.

Leadership of high quality is now coming from the Eastern nations. Mrs. Louise Paw, from Burma, is the only woman to serve as one of the nine vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance during the coming five-year period. Following the meetings in Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. Paw, who made one of the principal addresses to the Baptist World Congress, flew to the United States. I hope many of you have had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Paw and to hear her speak.

The next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance is scheduled for Miami, Florida, in 1965. In the interim the North American Women's Union will hold its meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, in November 1962.

Reports Show Progress

According to the 1959-1960 Annual Reports . . .

- nearly 8,000 more women are listed as active;
- there is a gain of 430 circles in the Woman's Societies across the American Baptist Convention;
- 45 more societies stepped up into the Honor column, making a total of 628;
- 105 societies became Class A, making a total in this classification of 834.

Active or Inactive?

At the conference for state presidents at Green Lake, Wisconsin, the terms *active* and *inactive* were discussed. Apparently there has not been a clear understanding of what is meant by an *active* woman.

In the *Annual Report Book* the definition for an *active* woman reads: "An active woman in a Woman's Baptist

Mission Society is one who participates in the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society whether by giving, reading, praying, Christian service, attendance, or in any other way." The committee responsible for this definition wanted to make it possible for every woman who desired to be a member to be considered active—even if circumstances made it impossible for her to attend the meetings of the Society. The state presidents attending the conference at Green Lake agreed that there was merit in this.

In your mind there may be the question, "Who then is an *inactive* woman, if all these are counted as active?" An *inactive* woman is one who does not participate in the work of the Woman's Society in any of the ways enumerated or in any other way which would indicate a desire to belong to the Society. There are women whose names are on the church rolls, who—even with this broad definition—must be considered inactive. These are the women whom we seek to reach when we talk about activating the inactive. At the same time we shall want to be endeavoring constantly to draw into a closer fellowship those whose interest is more limited than circumstances would seem to make necessary.

Do you think membership cards will help? At the Green Lake conference for state presidents, it was suggested that a small card in duplicate—with one section to be retained by the member and the other held by the secretary of the Society—stating the ways in which the member purports to serve would help women to feel the urge and responsibility for active membership. There will be further discussion of this possibility. If you have suggestions, please send them to my home address: 7920 Tomahawk Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Filing Articles for Reference

The suggestion has been made that we—presidents—assemble a notebook of articles on subjects which will be useful to us in our work. These articles may be found very likely in *Missions* magazine, *Crusader*, *The Baptist World*, *The Church Woman*, *Christian Century*, *Watchman Examiner*, or other religious journals, as well as the editorial page of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

This material, selected on the basis that the subject matter is related to the work of the president, would supplement her workbook and would be available for easy reference. The articles could be indexed according to content.

Added to this suggestion is the recommendation that a file be made for each of the five years of the Baptist

Jubilee Advance material. We shall have occasion to refer to the material prepared for the year that has passed, and, as we well know, we are always projecting our thinking into the year to come.

The Wishing Well

Many requests have been received for the program presented at the Presidents' luncheon in Rochester, June 2, 1960. Mrs. Laurel Schall, president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Ohio, who was responsible for the presentation, has agreed to have the program mimeographed and to send a copy to the state presidents. The use of a wishing well added novelty to the program and the building of the cross as a part of the seal of the National Council of American Baptist Women gave to it an impressive and dramatic touch.

The Baptist Day of Prayer

When the Baptist Day of Prayer is observed this year on December 2, 1960, for many of us it will have greater significance than ever before. This is the only day of prayer in which many Baptists participate.

The Baptist women of Australia have prepared the service for the 1960 Baptist Day of Prayer; the women of the North American Women's Union have been asked to prepare the service for 1961. These services are translated into many languages and dialects, making it possible for Baptist women around the world to use them.

The offerings received on the Baptist Day of Prayer are used to further the work of the continental unions and of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Please refer to page 31.

World Fellowship Offering

World Communion Sunday and the World Fellowship Offering for foreign missions come early in October. An article in the June issue of *Missions* magazine, by Dr. Hazel Shank, administrative secretary for Burma and Thailand, tells of the rehabilitation of Christian work in Bassein. American Baptists had a share in this reconstruction because we not only reached the goal of the World Fellowship Offering last year but gave an over and above amount.

In order to carry on the regular planned program of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, we must raise the goal set for this year. The raising of this goal we accept as our responsibility. Joy will come from the over and above amount. Let us quicken our activity and enthusiasm that we may not only realize but exceed the 1960 goal!

World Community Day

Sponsored by United Church Women

The date: Friday, November 4, 1960

The theme: Christian Action for Freedom

Encourage the women in your church not only to attend but also to share in the planning and to support the proj-

"Fashion Show," written by Mrs. William Reagan, national recording secretary, to introduce officers and chairmen at National Women's Conference, has been mimeographed. Available at Council's office, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 25 cents.

ects of World Community Day, the day in which we, as Christian women in a community, think together about our world-wide concerns. For additional information, please refer to page 27.

Business and Professional Women

Often women who belong to the business and professional women's circle do not feel that they are a part of the Woman's Society. Usually there is a reason.

Do you ask the business and professional women to select a person to represent them on the Board of Managers of the Woman's Society or do you attempt to choose a representative for them?

Do you hold your executive committee meetings at a time when the leader of your gainfully employed women's group can be present?

Do you include business women in the committees which plan for important events in your Society?

Certainly it makes for better feeling and also for better co-operation and unity when the democratic process is fully utilized. The fact that women are working and are not free to attend daytime meetings should not bar them from having a voice in planning and in participating in the work of the society. Let's face it: there has been a lack of consideration for the persons who could not attend daytime meetings.

Congratulations!

New societies are being organized and established and older societies are being reorganized according to the national plan of one society for all the women in the church, with circles when there are twenty or more active women. This means that our channels of communication are clearer and that we can be of mutual help one to the other.

We congratulate the women of the Court Street United Baptist Church of Auburn, Maine, who have adopted the Circle Plan. We wish them well and introduce to you the members of the Planning Committee who worked to accomplish this reorganization.



(Left to right): Mrs. Ella Rand, Mrs. Edwina Patterson, Mrs. Grace Williams, Miss Dorothy Weymouth, Mrs. Margaret Shea, Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Mrs. Elizabeth Covell, Miss Marion Parker.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: VIRGINIA FARMAR (Mrs. William G. Farmar)

National First Vice-President

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

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For the First Vice-Presidents

Highlights from the Annual Reports

The story of work accomplished by American Baptist women during the program year 1959-1960 is told in the brief résumé tabulated from your reports. Read it carefully. Use it when you plan your work for the current year. There were indications of increased activity and interest in certain areas; in others, a definite need for concentration.

→ Out of 5,375 societies, 3,494 . . .

Local First Vice-Presidents reported as follows:

2,406 use workbooks

1,110 held division meetings

1,296 attended a Leadership Training Conference

2,387 read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN

2,566 received training from association counterpart through correspondence

767 used the "Program for Action"

10,091 women were reactivated!

→ Out of 349 associations, 332 . . .

Association First Vice-Presidents reported that:

211 held division meetings

193 attended a Leadership Training Conference

282 read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN

349 received training from state counterpart through correspondence

153 reactivated local societies

347 societies were reactivated!

→ Out of 35 state societies, 35 . . .

State First Vice-Presidents reported as follows:

35 held division meetings

35 attended a Leadership Training Conference

35 read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN

35 presented division work on state level

11 reactivated associations

27 associations were reactivated!

A Charge!

To all state and association Vice-Presidents!

Will you direct your counterpart to encourage:

→ All societies to send in a report.

→ All First Vice-Presidents to use a workbook.

→ All First Vice-Presidents to hold division meetings.

- All First Vice-Presidents to attend a Leadership Training Conference.
- All First Vice-Presidents to promote the Program for Action.
- All First Vice-Presidents to send helpful materials to counterpart.
- All First Vice-Presidents to answer correspondence promptly.
- All First Vice-Presidents to send unique ideas to her national counterpart.

Briefly

Two-thirds of the total number of First Vice-Presidents are reading THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

What are the remaining one-third reading in order to become better informed leaders?

Do you have at least one subscription to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN in your society? The national chairman of Leadership Training recommends two, or better still, three subscriptions for each society.

The annual reports revealed that . . .

Eighty-seven per cent of the association First Vice-Presidents read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. That is a good percentage!

Less than one-fourth of the local First Vice-Presidents used the "Program for Action." But this one-fourth reactivated 10,091 women. Imagine what the total would have been if the other three-fourths of the First Vice-Presidents had used the "Program for Action"!

Ten Highest

Increasing the membership in the local Woman's Society is primarily the responsibility of the First Vice-President. During the last two years I have urged my counterparts to promote the "Program for Action." Through this plan we are able to reach the inactive women of our churches. However, our interest does not stop at this point. We want these women to know that we are concerned about them and that we need them in our Woman's Societies. Therefore, the plan is permanent. We should not only invite them to our meetings but should manifest a continued personal interest in them, by providing a program that meets their needs.

Every state reported at least a few reactivated women. Let's take a look at the number of women reactivated by the "top ten."

Ohio	874
Indiana	870
Pennsylvania	863
Southern California	712
West Virginia	709
New York	655
Illinois	600
Northern California	593
Kansas	509
Michigan	487

She's Inactive—Why?

So often non-participating women give us excuses rather than reasons for their inactivity. For example: → A woman will say, "Now really, dear, at my age you know how limited my participation must be!" We must realize, to be sure, that some older people frequently have the feeling they are not wanted and thus they feel worthless to undertake any active participation. We should make every effort to cultivate their interest and have them realize that they are needed in lending a helping hand to others.

→ Another illustration is the woman who will exclaim: "I just don't believe it can be done." This may be a defeatist attitude she carries into all phases of life. Or it may emanate from being affiliated with an organization that lacked leadership, and the results which were generally poor became a part of her own evaluation of herself. The woman needs the guidance of one who accepts the promise that ". . . but with God all things are possible."

→ We are also familiar with the woman who tells us, "I don't have the time." She may be a woman who has an inferiority complex and rather than admit that she can't do it, she uses the old excuse "I don't have time."

In every church you will find *Mrs. At My Age*, *Mrs. Can't Be Done*, and *Mrs. I Don't Have the Time*. This is our opportunity to point out to them their importance to God, to their fellow man, and our need for their help in our Woman's Baptist Mission Society. What are you doing to make them aware of their importance?

Clear Channels

How many state First Vice-Presidents use bulk mailing when sending out information? If sufficient copies of information could be mailed to the *association* First Vice-President for her to send to the local First Vice-President, we would soon find this direct line of communication from one counterpart to another would produce results.

In most cases the state leader has access to a mimeograph. If she were willing to make copies of items of interest, suggestions, etc., would we not discover on next year's reports an upgrade of activity in all areas of our division's work?

This is an excellent means of promotion and perhaps some states will be willing to try it. If it is being done, will you please write and give me the details? My address is: 912 Lincoln Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Letters are a medium for training. It is imperative that the contents of such letters be used. A word of encouragement should be given frequently. Make your

letters meaningful and informative. Help us to keep the channel clear by sending accurate information, and by sending it promptly.

Review

Occasionally it behooves us to review our specific responsibilities as First Vice-Presidents. Sometimes we get lost in the maze of daily routine. Now, after a busy summer with house guests, picnics, vacations, and gardening, we find it difficult to change our pace. For this reason, the following suggestions are made:

1. Review the Local Constitution, Leader's Guide for your office, and the pages in the *Annual Report Book* for the Division of First Vice-President.
2. Check workbook and file materials.
3. Study current materials of your chairmen.
4. Familiarize yourself with Emphases—Goals—for the year.
5. Refresh your knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure.
6. Plan a division meeting in the early fall.

Elections

Please send me the name and address of your successor if you have retired from the office of state First Vice-President. Unless you keep me informed of changes, it is impossible to send material to my state counterparts.

If you are not in office and are still receiving letters from me, will you please send these letters to the present state First Vice-President. If, on the other hand, you are in office and have had no communication from me, let me know immediately please.

Open Our Windows

A visitor being conducted through the house of John Knox was noticeably unimpressed when shown the famous preacher's study, a small room which juts over the street. "It is a very small room," said the caretaker, "but you see it has a great outlook—one window opens toward St. Giles Cathedral and the other toward Holyrood Castle."

At times our room of life seems quite small but what a difference it makes when our windows open toward God, our Heavenly Father, so perfectly revealed through Jesus. As American Baptist women, we are privileged to possess a "great outlook" as we assume our share of spreading the gospel at home and abroad.

The Right Way

It is now time for the committee which is responsible for promoting the "Program For Action" to get together to plan for reaching prospective members. Invite them to your home for a friendly and informal visit. Discuss plans for inviting new members of the church into your group as well as activating the inactive.

Our approach to a prospective member is very important. The following suggestions may prove helpful:

- ... a bright, cheerful attitude, and a positive approach
- ... a discussion of topics of mutual interest
- ... an explanation of activities of the Woman's Society
- ... a gift of materials such as: Year Book; *Missions* magazine, church bulletin, leaflets concerning home and foreign missions, Love Gift box
- ... an invitation to attend general meeting with you
- ... an opportunity for president to meet your guest.

To the Chairmen of Program



From: HELEN McDERMOTT (Mrs. F. W. McDermott) (right)

Introducing: MARY KIRK (Mrs. PRESTON KIRK) (left)

National Chairman of Program

Division of the First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings, Chairmen of Programs!

The Oregon women under the leadership of Mrs. Glenn Camper, the state chairman of Program have compiled a "Program Recipe Book." It is a compilation of original programs from the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies of Oregon.

Mrs. Jack Edwards wrote the following "Recipe for a Good Program":

Select a mission-centered subject.

Marinate with a fresh approach.

Combine the efforts of several women who have new ideas and good voices.

Add a large measure of faith in God's direction.

Fold in interesting, up-to-date information.

Sprinkle with opportunities for participation and sharing.

Stir until all ingredients are well mixed.

Stew a little (this is optional).

Measure program time very carefully.

Then allow ten more minutes.

Whet the appetites of the partakers with good advanced publicity.

Garnish with that last minute inspiration. It may turn a good program into a pièce de résistance.

Serve in a quiet, attractive setting, free from distractions.

Watch the attentive, glowing faces and know that the soul is taking nourishment.

Reports

It is really very difficult to compare reports with those of previous years and to decide that one year is better than another because the same churches do not report every year. The vast majority faithfully send in reports every year but the failure of some to do so makes a difference from year to year. From the reports this year, we discover that 28 per cent of our societies still turn to topics for their programs other than those of our American Baptist World Mission.

When we state as one of our emphases for the year that every program should be on some phase of our American Baptist World Mission, we are allowing a great deal of freedom. That theme is very inclusive. It means all phases of our home and foreign mission work: Family Life, Baptist Institutions; Ecumenical Work; Christian Social Progress; White Cross; Love Gift; Mission Interpreters; Special Interest Mission-

aries; Leadership Training; Current Denomination Programs. There is no dearth of interesting materials on these many subjects.

We also learned from the reports that only 22 per cent of the societies evaluated their programs. This is a new idea and it was the first time that we asked for such a report. We hope that many more will evaluate some of their programs this coming year. Evaluation is basic to improvement in programs and to group and individual growth and development. This need not be a dreary post-mortem, nor is it necessary to evaluate every program. A periodic evaluation will help to reveal weaknesses in programs; will help to discover whether programs are meeting the needs of a group; will show the type of program women prefer; whether women are gaining knowledge; whether attitudes are being changed and whether there is real interest or not in the program. It is important that societies and circles do not wait until they wake up to the fact that their attendance is low, interest has decreased and then wonder what is wrong.

Why not evaluate at least one program this year? A suggested evaluation form was printed in the 1959 fall issue, page 8, of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Only 69 per cent of our societies sent in a Program report. Are you one of those 31 per cent that did not? If so, won't you make a firm resolution at once that you will send in your report next spring and send it on time?

Only 92 per cent of the association chairmen reported. That is not good enough. Could we not strive to have 100 per cent of the associations reporting next year?

Group Participation

If you use the programs in the Program Packet, then you do have some group participation. At times it is entirely permissible to have a speaker presenting some phase of our American Baptist World Mission. But to depend at all times upon a speaker for every meeting really deprives members of opportunity for participation.

Not only is participation of the women desirable by having several present the program, but also by having a number share in the program through prayer, discussion of the topic, presentation of current missionary news. Don't let members of the society just sit and listen during one program after another. Strive for participation by a number of the women.

For Societies and Circles

There is a wealth of material available for use by societies and circles on the theme: "That Ye May Know."

We list as *Number One* our Program Packet. There are eleven good programs in it. These may be adapted for use in either the large or small society or the circle.

Missions magazine carries a program each month for a circle meeting. This program is based on the theme for the year. Note some of the program titles:

- "How Shall They Know the Way?" (Foreign missions)
- "The Open Door" (Home missions)
- "Care and Share" (Love Gift)
- "Information Please" (Fellowship Guild)
- "Going Around in Circles" (Program on circles)
- "The Power of the Resurrection" (Easter)
- "Know the Works" (Reporting)
- "And They Came From Afar" (Christmas and international students)

Crusader and *Missions* magazines. Programs can be planned using articles of interest and pertinent to the theme for the day. Use maps and pictures to add to the understanding.

Helps from the Digest. This is a set of eight programs prepared by women active in American Baptist work. They are based on articles in the *Home Mission Digest*. They are unusually good. Don't fail to make use of some of these programs which contain splendid material. Obtain from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 10 cents per set.

Fun and Festival Series.¹ Use the one on the country on which your program is based. It will provide interesting supplementary material. Price, 60 cents.

Wright Studio material. Order the introductory set. It is full of excellent program ideas. If you want a quantity of any item, it can be ordered later. Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Road, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. Price, \$1.00 each, for home or foreign mission theme.

Pen Sketches of Missionaries. Order from your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Plan a "This Is Your Life" program. Price, 5 cents each.

Book of Remembrance.¹ Paste pages on a cardboard. Cut up as a jig-saw puzzle. Let two or three women put each page together, read it and then tell it to the group. Have a time of prayer for each area of work presented. Price, \$1.00.

Here Are Your Facts About Foreign Missions. Order from the State Convention office. Free.

Overseas Outreach.¹ This booklet gives the full story of the work of each field today. The names of the missionaries are listed, also the various institutions on each field, and summaries of the work on each field are included. Price, 50 cents.

Along Kingdom Highways.¹ Written to show the way the conventions on the fields are assuming more responsibility for the work. Price, \$1.00.

Mimeographed Tours of Mission Fields. Visiting American Baptists in:

Assam	25 cents
Burma	25 cents
Japan	25 cents
Pearl of the Orient	25 cents
Thailand	35 cents
Belgium Congo	50 cents

Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Visualizing Our Mission. This is a listing of photo exhibits and slide sets that are available from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, for two weeks, free of charge.

Farewell

The time has come for me to say "Good-bye" to you as your national chairman of Program. I wish that I could express adequately my appreciation for all that each of you has done in the field of program building, for your helpful letters and materials sent to me, and for your great desire to serve through this avenue of service. I know that my successor will profit greatly by this help and spirit. Thank you most sincerely.

Welcome

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you your new chairman of Program, Mrs. Preston Kirk, who was elected in Rochester, New York, at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, on June 2, 1960.

I met Mrs. Kirk for the first time at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, when she was a member of the Workshop on Program Building, which I was guiding. One became aware of her friendliness, interest and co-operative spirit during the very first hour. She was an inspiration during that entire workshop.

Mrs. Kirk has been very active for many years in woman's work, having served in the local and association societies so effectively that the Nebraska women elected her as their president. She was serving in that capacity when her husband was transferred to Kansas about two years ago.

I am happy to place my workbook and boxes of materials in Mrs. Kirk's very capable hands. Her wise leadership and beautiful spirit will enrich our work.

A Greeting from Mrs. Kirk

It is a pleasure to come into your home and to meet you who are serving in God's kingdom work as chairman of Program. In the months ahead I trust we will become so well acquainted that you will call me "Mary" and I may call each of you by your given name.

We now share a mutual task and a very important one it is. Will you join with me in working diligently and praying fervently that the days ahead may be fruitful ones?

¹ Order from American Baptist bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.; 913 Grand Ave., Kansas City 6, Mo.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: FLORENCE BERG (Mrs. James C. Berg)

National Chairman of House Party

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings to Chairmen of House Party!

This is a busy time for chairmen of House Party—state, association, and local. The house parties of 1960 were worthy of all the planning that went into them. The 1961 house parties are now demanding attention.

State chairmen of House Party have been most generous in sending the following ideas and suggestions:

From Kansas

House Party Chairman is important in the local society and in the association. Her job is to publicize and to promote the House Party. Someone must be responsible for this work in each society.

Original and imaginative publicity and promotion will create added interest in the House Party. Send copies of your material to the state chairman of House Party and pass on your good ideas.

Use some of these ideas. Constant reminders at meetings, personal telephone calls, church bulletins, announcements, special decorations, and souvenirs, pictures, poster, skits, news-sheet, handbills, personal experience of a house party participant.

Set an attendance goal with at least one woman from your Woman's Baptist Mission Society attending the House Party for the first time. Help the young women by arranging a nursery and plan transportation for all.

Every President should attend the House Party. Why not pay her way?

Purpose of the House Party is: Information, training, fellowship, and inspiration—all are important to Woman's Baptist Mission Society leaders.

All officers should attend full time. Chairmen of House Party need to know the House Party to interest others. We have a Big Job to do!

Reporting the House Party is necessary. Oral reports are popular. Some use skits, interviews, panel discussions. Some report to the entire church. Others plan a social time such as a breakfast or coffee hour soon after the House Party. The program is the House Party report.

Tell the state chairman your ideas and suggestions for the House Party program, giving names and addresses of people whom you can recommend for program or committee duties. Please help!

Your job in a nutshell is: Promote—Publicize—the House Party!

From New Jersey

→ A life-size doll and a large suitcase were used. A poster was placed in such a way as to show the following words coming from the doll's mouth: "My mother has her suitcase packed for House Party. Have you? The date is June . . ."

→ A large metal doll house with a sign "What's in the house?" has also been used. The game taken from the Art Linkletter TV show was played. A volunteer contestant was requested. Explaining that the article was not miniature but full size, the following poem was read:

Many women use me this time of the year
You could, too, without any fear
I'm not too big but easy to see
I'm neither wood nor glass, does that give you a key?
My name could confuse you, but it's not really true
And certainly not after it's been used by you.

Contestant was then asked "What's in the house?" The answer is, of course, a registration blank for the House Party.

From Southern California

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Time to circle your calendar for
WORKSHOP and
1960 HOUSE PARTY
CONFERENCE
at the
UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

woman's baptist mission society of
southern california
presents:

inspiration —

MISS VIOLET RUDD, Administrative Secretary of
the National Council of American Baptist Women

MISS DOROTHY E. RICH, Missionary - Insein, Burma

training —

Learn the know-how and techniques to do a
better job in your Society.

fellowship —

Where old friends meet and new friends are
made.

bible study —

By MRS. VERNER I. OLSON, Minister's wife,
Calvary Baptist Church, Pasadena.

REGISTER EARLY

Registration cards will be available from your
Chairman of House Party, after April 15th.

COST:

House Party Conference	\$10.90
Workshop only	6.30
Workshop & House Party	15.50

From Arizona

One local society had a house party fashion show. In this way the Congo costume for the evening banquet, to be held during the house party, was modeled, in addition to the typical camp clothing such as jacket or coat, slacks, and sturdy shoes. Models carried sleeping bags, bedrolls, flashlights, notebooks, Bible.

A fashion show, even for house parties held on college campuses, could be effective publicity.

Speaking of Fashion Shows

If you were not at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 9-16, 1960, be sure to order from the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, a copy of the Fashion Show presented on the opening night of the Conference. With a script written by Mrs. William Reagan, national recording secretary, and music selected by Mrs. Dwight Bahr, national chairman of White Cross, the national officers and chairmen were presented in a most charming and delightful manner. This program could be used for any occasion at which officers and chairmen are to be introduced. Price, 25 cents.

From West Virginia

During an association meeting the president, the missionary speaker, and two other officers of the association wore white tags during the meeting. A large question mark in red ink on the white tag attracted the attention of all. Of course, the inevitable question was: "What does it stand for?" The answer given was: "When you go to the House Party you'll find the answers to all your questions."

From Colorado

Two flyers . . .

→ BAPTIST WOMEN!

Do you lose sleep at night?

No need to worry about the work of Baptist women.

Ask your doctors—we prescribe:

Attend Women's House Party

Dosage: Fellowship, Prayer, Music, Fun, Inspiration.

Fill your prescription: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

July

At

Guest Speaker

→ Small newsboy holding large paper entitled—BIG NEWS—on which was printed the essential information regarding the house party.

From Oregon

A very effective poster for a local society or for an association meeting can be made by using the idea of the calendar as suggested by Oregon. Follow Oregon's suggestion, keeping the calendar uncluttered so that the eye will see immediately the essential facts.

At the top of the flyer were words: Circle The Date. On the following line were the year and the month in which the house party would be held. The days of the week were boxed off across the page. Under Sunday, the four dates were listed in squares down the left side of the page. The only other dates were those of the house party and these were circled. The only other printing on the poster were the words: Women's House Party; at; theme; Scripture, with each taking a line. The last two lines were:

For the time of your life!

Inspiration — Fellowship — Information

Congratulations to Missouri!

Out of the nineteen American Baptist churches in the state of Missouri, fourteen were represented at the 1960 House Party.

How many association chairmen of House Party have a record as good as Missouri?

Does each association chairman know the number of churches in her association represented at the 1960 state house party?

Why not use Oregon's excellent follow-up method by sending a letter to each church from which there was no representative, indicating that the representative was missed and emphasizing the purpose of the House Party.

From the State of Washington



To the Chairmen of Literature

From: HAZEL LOBLEY (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley)

National Chairman of Literature

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine



Greetings, Chairmen of Literature!

Do You Remember?

Do you remember when summer months meant vacation time with leisure hours, restful days, and quiet weeks? I am sure you do. But that was before you enlisted in—or were drafted into—the King's Service. Now you sing "I am happy in the service of the King" and I know you are.

In the King's Service you don't have a thirty-day leave every year, but there is joy and unspeakable satisfaction in the task to which you are committed. However, whatever your responsibilities may be to your home and family and to your "King's Service," I trust you found an opportunity for rest and relaxation and that you are ready for the fall and winter activities.

Do You Remember?

Do you remember how we looked forward with anticipation to Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, and to the American Baptist Convention, June 2-7, in Rochester, New York? How we hoped it would be possible for many chairmen of Literature to attend Woman's Day and the Convention! I regret that it is not possible in this visit—through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN—to give you a complete report of Woman's Day and the following days at the Convention. However, the excellent reports of the American Baptist Convention in the June issue of *Missions* and of the *Crusader* help the reader to feel that she was there or that she is still there!

However, as detailed as your reading about Woman's Day and the Convention has been, you may still be wondering about our division luncheon—the luncheon for the Division of First Vice-President.

The luncheon was well attended. There were approximately one hundred and fifty members of our division from many states in our American Baptist Convention. The luncheon was delicious, the tables attractive, and the fellowship delightful and refreshing, and our Rochester hostesses, most gracious.

Everyone at the luncheon was introduced. I was delighted and encouraged as each chairman of Literature stood, among whom were two state chairmen, and many association and local chairmen. Previous to my leaving for Rochester, I had carefully read and reread and studied the state annual reports, that I might feel very close to the work being done in each state, and that I might know the number of associations and local societies in each state. To become personally acquainted

with so many chairmen of Literature was heartwarming; now I look forward to becoming acquainted with many more chairmen of Literature as I visit in your homes through our pages in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, and by personal correspondence.

To the new chairmen of Literature, who have been elected since the spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, we, your counterparts—local, association, state, and national chairmen of Literature—extend a warm welcome to you, our new friends, and together we face new challenges.

Is Literature Needed?

The exhibit booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women was the busiest place—or so it seemed to us—in the Exhibit Hall of the 1960 American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York.

Women from villages, towns, cities, and women representing societies with a membership of "fewer than 25—25 to 75—75 and over" came with eagerness to find new materials for their societies as well as to supplement the basic materials for the new officers and chairmen in their groups.

Men from villages, towns, and cities came too! Indeed it wasn't unusual for a man to come to the booth, requesting materials as listed by his wife. And the knowledge some of these men had concerning our work was amazing! Ministers and leaders in men's groups found the contents of the following items especially helpful to them:

Around the World by Group Conversation. This booklet explains the method of group conversation which may be used by the membership of the church and the community, as well as the Woman's Society. Price, 25 cents.¹

Guide for Depth Bible Study, by Mrs. Walter Schultz, former chairman of Spiritual Life, National Council of American Baptist Women. Price, 25 cents.¹

"The Seven Messages to the Churches," a mimeographed copy of the Woman's Day afternoon program, written by Mrs. Ivan Bell, Vice-President of Christian Training, National Council of American Baptist Women. This is an explanation of the second year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—Mission to the Local Church. Price, 25 cents.¹

Yes, the Exhibit Booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women at the American Baptist Convention was a busy place! To the New York state

women for their gracious assistance, especially on Woman's Day, we again express our appreciation!

Do You Remember?

Do you remember that in May, 1960, we selected four goals to which we would give special emphasis during 1960-1961? These goals were printed in the 1960 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. These four goals were selected from the seventeen goals listed in the 1959 issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, to which you, doubtless, refer frequently.

When you become familiar with each piece of literature listed in "Literature Highlights," you are then ready to give effective help to each officer and chairman that she may appreciate and become familiar with the wealth of material available; and to help each officer and chairman to carry out her responsibility in the Woman's Society to the best of her ability.

Becoming familiar with the items listed in "Literature Highlights" and bringing the material to the attention of the respective leader is an important goal to achieve. In the 1960-1961 Annual Report Book there will be a question asking you whether or not you accomplished this goal.

Do You Remember?

Do you remember having heard, "The National Women's Conference is the best place to receive training for your work in the Woman's Society?" For one hour each afternoon at the 1960 National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 9-16, there was opportunity for special training given by divisions. During the meetings of the Division of First Vice-President, we had helpful hours talking and planning together. We could only have wished that more First Vice-Presidents, more chairmen of Program, more chairmen of House Party, more chairmen of Literature could have been meeting there with us.

Consideration was given to the question: "How can we most effectively bring the materials listed in "Literature Highlights" to the attention of the officers and chairmen in the Woman's Society?" The use of posters is one answer. By use of an attractive and carefully prepared poster, one can see at a glance what material is available, and if the poster is designed with sufficient care and imagination a vivid impression is made in the mind of the viewer.

You may want to duplicate the suggestions for posters given by Miss E. Ineta Nelson, chairman of Literature, Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Southern California, and used by me at our meetings at the National Women's Conference.

→ Essentials: Two copies of "Literature Highlights," and sufficient material to make eight posters.

→ Procedure: Use five posters for the following divisions: First Vice-President, Missions, Christian Service, Christian Training, Business and Professional Women, and one for Fellowship Guild. Use the remaining two posters as follows: One for President and Chairman of Publicity; one for Secretary and Treasurer.

Place a mark of identification on each poster, using the division leaflet or the name of the division in printed

letters. Be sure the division poster may be quickly identified.

Cut up material in "Literature Highlights" by divisions. Paste sections on upper part of respective poster.

Make a paper pocket for each poster to hold sample copies of all the items listed for each division or officer.

Interview each officer and chairmen; refer to the poster relating to their work. Present each item with enthusiasm, showing that you are familiar with its contents.

When the purchase of items is requested— influenced probably by the amount indicated in the Society's budget for the purchase of literature—order material immediately, being sure to order from address indicated by the "Key to Ordering."

When this is accomplished, one of your goals for the year is accomplished.

You may already be making use of comparable or entirely different methods that are effectively bringing available materials to the attention of each officer and chairman in your society. If so, will you send them to me to pass on to others?

Do You Remember?

Do you remember that it is our duty to promote *all* literature? Faithfully we recommend the new materials and along with these items we bring to the attention of the officers and chairmen and members of our Woman's Society all American Baptist and approved interdenominational items which will help us to become better informed Baptist women.

→ Watch for the new Bible Book of the Month leaflet which has been sent to each church for distribution on October 9, 1960.

→ Be sure your Woman's Society has a copy of:

- "Tools for the Task," "Here Are Your Facts About Foreign Missions," "Into all the World with Others," which may be ordered from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Single copy, free.

- *Home Mission Digest*, 1960-1961, priced at 75 cents, available at your Baptist state and city offices; Program Helps for Digest, priced at ten cents, and Vignette No. 15, free, available at the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

- "A Roman Catholic for President?" priced at 25 cents for a single copy, ten or more copies, 20 cents, may be ordered from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

- *Stewardship for Today's Woman*, by Helen Kingsbury Wallace, which has just come off the press. Every society should own a copy; every woman will want to read it. Price, \$1.75.¹

"Introducing Us All." Please refer to page 41.

¹ American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California, 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Lois MAYES (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)

National Vice-President of Missions

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California



Fire at Cordova

American Baptist work in Cordova, Alaska, suffered a tremendous loss when disastrous fire destroyed the Cordova Baptist Church on the morning of July 4, 1960. The building housed not only the church but also our Christian center and an apartment which was the home of the Reverend and Mrs. George T. King.

Awakened by heavy smoke, Mr. King immediately aroused the household consisting of his wife and two young people who were working as summer interns. Fortunately no lives were lost, but all personal and household possessions, Christian center equipment and supplies were destroyed. It was possible to save the new organ, the pulpit furniture, and a few pews. The building was insured for \$52,000, but this amount will not begin to cover the cost of replacements.

Mr. King has arranged for emergency locations where both the church and the Christian center are continuing their work. Plans for rebuilding are already under way.

Vice-Presidents of Missions—and others—are asking how to channel their gifts to meet the emergency in Cordova. From the office of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies comes the answer:

“Specific gifts clearly marked either for the rebuilding of the church or for refitting of the missionaries may be sent through your own church to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.”

Let us remember these friends and their work through our gifts and prayers, for American Baptist work in Cordova has suffered indeed a severe loss.

Introducing Mrs. George T. Swope

At the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, held in Rochester, New York, June 2, 1960, Mrs. Paul Maul completed her term of service as the national chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas. We who serve in the Division of Missions—national, state, association, local—have deeply appreciated the service Mrs. Maul has given to the National Council of American Baptist Women and to the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. We have looked forward to her helpful letters. We have been grateful for her faithful service and conscientious leadership. We shall miss her.

As her successor, we are welcoming Mrs. George T. Swope of Kenova, West Virginia. Mrs. Swope is the

wife of a minister. She is a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. We know that Mrs. Swope will make an effective contribution to the Division of Missions. We are looking forward to working with her.

For Your Bookshelf

Dr. Ida, written by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, is recommended enthusiastically for your preparation for the year ahead. Price, \$5.59.¹

Dr. Ida is the inspiring story of Dr. Ida Scudder, member of a famous missionary family whose members have given hundreds of years of missionary service in India. Ida Scudder grew up in India. She saw the deprivation and hardships to which the members of her family were subjected. She determined that such a life was not for her. Then the events of one memorable night completely changed the course of her life and led to the founding of the great medical center at Vellore.

American Baptists participate in the support of the hospital at Vellore. American Baptist missionaries serve on the hospital staff. Dr. John Carman currently heads the staff at Vellore.

Within recent weeks word of the passing of the beloved Dr. Ida has reached us. The reading of the beautiful story of her life of service and accomplishment against almost insurmountable obstacles is a must for Vice-Presidents of Missions.

Sunlight on the Hopi Mesas is a biography of Abigail Johnson by the well-known author Florence Crannell Means. This story of Abigail Johnson who gave a long life of missionary service among the American Indians will be read with great interest. This readable story which is a part of our heritage in home missions is priced at \$2.25.¹

Dr. Ida and *Sunlight on the Hopi Mesas* should have their places on the bookshelf of every Vice-President of Missions.

“Help Them Proclaim Him”

Headlines in our daily newspapers give us cause for concern for our missionaries and for our work in the Congo. In this time of transition and crisis, we realize how invaluable the well-trained Christian national can be not only in the Congo but on every mission field.

This fact is stressed by the theme of the annual World Fellowship Offering: “Help Them Proclaim Him.” The

World Fellowship Offering, scheduled to be received in American Baptist churches on October 2, 1960, will give special emphasis to the need for providing leadership training for Christian nations.

Materials to help in planning for the World Fellowship Offering have been sent to all Vice-Presidents of Missions. This offering is one of the most important responsibilities on our calendar and it is urgently suggested that each Vice-President of Missions consults with her pastor and gives every possible help in planning for this World Fellowship Offering.

Dr. Hazel Shank, recently returned from Thailand and Burma, has written an article on the development of Christian leadership in Thailand and Burma. Be sure to read Dr. Shank's article in the September issue of *Missions*. Her vivid account will prove helpful for use in society or circle meetings in preparation for the offering.

Make sure that every woman in your church is aware of this great need and is urged to help to meet it.

"Into All the World Together"

Thinking and planning our programs on the foreign mission theme for 1960-1961, "Into All the World Together," the work in the field of literacy and Christian literature comes quickly to our minds. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies share in the work of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature,² a division of the National Council of Churches.

If you are planning a program on literacy and Christian literature, you will be interested in the program entitled "Each One Teach One." This program,² priced at 50 cents, is well planned. It contains suggestions for worship, as well as stories illustrating the joy which comes to those on our mission fields who are taught for the first time to read the Word of God for themselves. Filmstrips and other program aids are also available. Ask for the free leaflet, "Lit-Lit Resources."²

Convocation of American Baptists

Date: January 24-25-26, 1961

Place: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Major features: A series of addresses on the "Mission of the Church" by Dr. Gene Bartlett, president-elect of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a series on "The Church and the World," by the Reverend Paul Abrecht, executive secretary, Department of Churches and Society of the World Council of Churches.

Convocation worship periods will be conducted by Dr. Robert J. McCracken of New York City, New York, and by the Reverend Marleigh M. Rosenberger of Denver, Colorado.

In preparation for the Convocation, typology and spiritual depth studies of American Baptist churches are under way. This is a program which will doubtless challenge every thinking American Baptist.

It is suggested that the pastor, a layman, and a laywoman represent each church or association.

The registration fee—fifteen dollars—should be sent to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164

Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. This fee includes the Convocation banquet, and the packet of pre-study materials.

New Materials

"One of the significant and compelling happenings of today has been the discovery that thousands of Christians around the world feel that the time for which we have worked and prayed has come. In the future the World Mission will be carried on in full partnership by churches from both East and West, rather than being dominantly a movement in which the churches of the West send missionaries to the East. Do we not see here the Spirit of God at work?" This inspiring quotation comes from a new leaflet with information regarding all overseas fields in brief capsule form. The leaflet entitled, "Facts," is available, without charge, at state convention or city offices. This leaflet will be exceedingly helpful as a supplementary aid for program planning or for schools of missions.

"Helps from the Digest," is a series of simple programs based on the stories in the *Home Mission Digest*. The programs are developed with imagination and originality. They will be useful particularly in small societies and circles. Price, 10 cents.³

Visual Aids

"Household of Faith," a new color motion picture, especially relevant to the foreign mission theme "Into All the World Together," illustrates co-operative work of American mission boards and the Christian bodies of other lands. Rental, \$12.00.⁴

"Song of the Shining Mountains," the story of young Andy Red Cloud, was photographed at our Crow Indian reservation. This beautiful color motion picture holds special value for programs on the home mission theme, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Rental, \$12.00.⁴

"Under the Banyan Tree," a filmstrip, tells the story of a young couple in India, who were influenced by our Baptist missionaries and whose influence in turn spreads in the Indian community. Sale, \$5.00.⁴

Additional information regarding excellent visual aids may be obtained by writing to Baptist Films.⁴

Map of American Baptist Foreign Mission fields. Recently revised, this map includes on the reverse side facts regarding the fields and stories of missionary pioneers. Available at Baptist bookstores.¹ Price, 75 cents.

¹ American Baptist bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Penna.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

² Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

³ American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

⁴ Baptist Film Library, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey St., Berkeley 5, Calif.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: LEONA MUELLER (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)

National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota



Dear Counterparts:

My greeting to you is found in the letter of Paul to Philemon. "I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ" (Philemon 1:4-6 RSV).

A warm welcome to the new chairmen who have joined our division since the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. I wish that I might have the privilege of meeting each one of you personally. For the benefit of those who have joined us recently, perhaps, we should review briefly a few of the responsibilities and opportunities which are ours.

It is the responsibility of the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education to stimulate in the women of the church a greater interest in the educational phases of missions and of stewardship. To reach this objective she will:

1. Organize mission study classes.
2. Serve on the committee which plans the church school of missions.
3. Attend denominational and interdenominational conferences and encourage the attendance of leaders and potential leaders at these conferences.
4. Increase interest in missions through promotion of the reading program.
5. Encourage Bible study and reading.
6. Emphasize the importance of Christian stewardship, which is the organization of one's whole life in the service of Christ and His Church.

Division Emphasis for 1960-1961

The emphasis for the Division of Missions this year is from Romans 12:2: ". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." It reminds us that we must keep ourselves and others informed about the missionary program of our denomination, and by our acts to demonstrate our concern for the mission of the church at home and in the entire world.

It Was So Nice to Meet You!

After attending the 1960 American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York, and the Minnesota House Party, it was my privilege also to attend the Summer

School of Missions held at the Rocky Mountain YMCA Camp, Estes Park, Colorado, June 12-18. It was an interesting and helpful experience which I hope to share with you from time to time through these pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. The three days spent at the Wyoming House Party, where I served as a national missions representative, were inspiring and delightful. After four days at home, I journeyed to Green Lake for the National Women's Conference where we were inspired, stimulated, and informed by the speakers and leaders of the Conference. It was my great pleasure to meet some of you at Green Lake as well as at Rochester and the house parties.

"Home Missions" means learning to know Christ so well that you can't fail in reflecting Him to others.

Tools For Our Task

In "Literature Highlights," under the Division of Missions, are listed the tools we need, with key for ordering, as follows:

(5-7) Friends Through Books	Free
(5) Baptist Mission Study Guide, Home Missions	50c
(5) Baptist Resources, Foreign Missions	50c
(7) Missionary and Stewardship at a Glance ...	Free
(7) Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church	Free
(5) Stewardship for Women by C. W. and	
M. Hatch	35c
(5) Designs and Patterns. Costumes in the Americas and Overseas	50c

Other items that will be helpful are:

(5) Resources for the School of Missions	Free
(4) Annual Announcement. Friendship Press ..	Free
(4) The Church School of Missions. W. J. Keech	50c
(5) Missionary Education Projects	10c
(5) Bible Book-of-the-Month leaflets	Each 2½c
(5) This We Can Do in the B.J.A. Second Year, Missionary and Stewardship Education local church guide	15c

Key to Ordering. Please request only one copy of free items.

- (4) American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.
- (5) American Baptist Publication Society bookstores: 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Penna.; 168 West Monroe St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 913 Grand Ave., Kansas City 6, Mo.; 352 South Spring St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Ave., Seattle 1, Washington.
- (7) Your Baptist State and City offices.

Message from Congo

Alice Jorgenson, R.N. at Boko Hospital, Boko, wrote shortly after her return to the Congo following her furlough as follows: "Since my return to Congo, I have noticed a great difference in the attitude of the people. Tensions are felt everywhere, and in some places there has been real trouble. People are very touchy and demanding, feeling that too long have they been kept from enjoyment of their full rights in their own land, and of taking their rightful place in the world of affairs. Now they mean to find it or have it given to them. It is a difficult time and many are the testings that come."

"Our prayer is, and we ask your faithful prayers, that the Christians of Congo may yield themselves to God's will so that they may follow His wise guidance in serving their own land."¹

Have you put Christ into your giving? Into your time?

Reading Can Be . . .

Fun! Stimulating! Entertaining! Inspiring! Educational! Informative!

The following books, which may be ordered from American Baptist bookstores (5), are recommended for study and reading:

Home Mission Study Theme: "Heritage and Horizons"

The Frontier Books . . .

<i>Armed With Faith</i> , Mary McLeod Bethune	25c
<i>The Bishop of All Beyond</i> , Sheldon Jackson	25c
<i>Crusader for Justice</i> , Samuel Chapman Armstrong	25c
<i>Wagon Wheels West</i> , Marcus and Narcissa Whitman	25c
<i>Sunlight on the Hopi Mesas</i> , by Florence C. Means	\$2.25
<i>In Unbroken Line</i> , by Amy Morris Lillie	\$1.50
<i>In Step with Time</i> , by Fred Cloud	\$1.50
<i>Impact</i> . Compiled	\$1.50
<i>Safe in Bondage</i> , by Robert W. Spike	\$1.50
<i>Home Mission Digest</i> (7), 1960-1961	75c

Foreign Mission Study Theme: "Into All the World Together"

<i>One World, One Mission</i> , by W. R. Hogg	\$1.50
<i>Turning World</i> , by Betty Thompson	\$1.50
<i>The Pulpit and the Plow</i> , by Ralph Felton	\$1.75
<i>We Belong Together</i> , by Frances Eastman	\$1.50
<i>This Revolutionary Faith</i> , by Floyd Shacklock	\$1.25

Other Recommended Reading Books:

<i>The Song Goes On</i> , by Claribel F. Dick	\$3.00
<i>Dr. Ida</i> , by Dorothy C. Wilson	\$5.95
<i>Mama's Way</i> , by Thyra T. Bjorn	\$3.50
<i>Venture of Faith</i> , by Robert G. Torbet	\$6.00
<i>Introducing Animism; Buddhism; Hinduism, Islam</i> . Surveys of some of today's living religions. Each	90c

¹ Refer to pages 25 and 37 for additional information on the Congo.

A New Book on Stewardship

The publication date for Helen K. Wallace's new book on *Stewardship for Today's Woman* is September 12, 1960. Miss Wallace believes that stewardship is synonymous with total dedication. Stewardship thereby demands that the woman (1) become all that she is capable of becoming and (2) develop to the utmost her every possession. *Stewardship for Today's Woman* may be ordered from American Baptist bookstores.⁵ Price, \$1.75.

Audio-Visual Aids

This Is My Heritage. History and heritage are combined to make use of this filmstrip a must for every American Baptist church. Color filmstrip. 33 1/2 rpm record. 30 minutes. Sale, \$12.00.

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To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas



From: PAULINE MAUL (Mrs. Paul T. Maul) right

Introducing: WINIFRED SWOPE (Mrs. George Swope) left

National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—
Home and Overseas

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1815 Chestnut Street,
Kenova, West Virginia



Dear Chairmen of Mission Interpreters:

During the past summer I had the pleasure of attending house parties in three states. It was very interesting to note the difference as to size and program. But it was gratifying, indeed, to see how much alike they were in Christian spirit, in fellowship, and in the desire to learn how to serve our Lord better.

The increasing desire of women to study and to improve the methods of service is conspicuous and heartening. Signs of this desire to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, . . ." are to be seen in many areas. Indiana with its "how to" conferences, including one on effective speaking, Colorado with its division conferences, and Idaho with its WOMI workshops, are examples of how these states are attempting to satisfy the desire for additional training.

The Depth Bible Study emphasis seems to have won immediate approval. Each time I have seen it presented the women in the group have quickly become enthusiastic. Pause for a moment and consider: What could happen to the deepening of the spiritual life of American Baptist women if all the women's societies throughout the American Baptist Convention enter into this study!

Division Emphasis

" . . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." (Romans 12:2)

It is especially important that each Interpreter be so well informed that she is, at all times, prepared to speak for the cause of missions.

There are available for our information many good, interesting books and magazines, dealing with various aspects of missions.

Is it not stimulating to read new facts and to learn something we had not known? Recently a group of circle leaders were observed as they examined the study books and other approved reading books and materials as they made plans for fall and winter meetings. All were fascinated with the books and the interesting material they contained. A wealth of material was waiting for their use to share with others.

Speaking to Other Groups

Each Interpreter and each chairman of Mission Interpreters, doubtless, feel a very real sense of dedication—dedication to our American Baptist mission program and to the desire to keep others informed regarding this work. It is important for Interpreters to speak to groups in addition to the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Speaking to the members of the local Woman's Society is important, to be sure, but it is often more important for Interpreters to speak to other groups. The chairman of Mission Interpreters should make every effort to secure opportunities for the Mission Interpreter to speak to the men's group, the young people, and other groups in the church.

Questioning Association Chairmen

- Do you have a sufficient number of Mission Interpreters for your association?
- Are they well informed?
- Do they present an effective up-to-date speech?
- Do you have a number of new Interpreters?

These questions are asked because of criticisms that are sometimes overheard. Are you surprised?

Let's Consider . . .

A few of these criticisms:

→ Criticism: "We don't ask Interpreters to speak to us. In our association they don't keep up-to-date."

Analysis: Something is wrong here. Surely, considering the wealth of good, fresh material always available, an Interpreter could prepare each speech from new material. Last year's material is probably too old; even some of last month's material—or even yesterday's—can be too old.

→ Criticism: "Same women every year. We've heard them. We don't ask them any more."

Analysis: This is our reason for suggesting that some new Interpreters be brought into the work each year. New faces, new personalities, new ways of presenting the message are important. These bring new and more invitations.

→ Criticism: "Such dry speeches! Surely they could use some visual aids to help to increase the interest."

Analysis: A map on the wall or pictures of the area which is being covered will orient the audience. Discussion periods, conversations, interviews, these methods of presenting information can be very effective. A well prepared speech, with good illustrations, delivered enthusiastically, will not be dry.

→ Criticism: "In our area, I don't think they understand the job of the chairman of Mission Interpreters. The chairman gets all that material and then she doesn't know what to do with it."

Analysis: According to this comment, our procedure is not clear to some chairmen. Surely they have not read all the pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. The chairman promotes the use of the Interpreters. On an association level she also enlists the Interpreters. On the state level she sends the names of all the Mission Interpreters within her state to the Mission offices in New York:

Mission Interpreters—Overseas, to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Mission Interpreters—Home, to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

In the enlistment of Mission Interpreters, association chairmen consult with the local chairmen and also with the presidents of the local societies.

Association and state chairmen of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas—can be helpful in training women to speak effectively.

Material for Interpreters

If the material prepared for the Mission Interpreters is going instead to the chairmen of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas, that indicates that the correct list of names of Mission Interpreters has apparently not been sent to the respective mission offices in New York.

Each association chairman of Mission Interpreters reports the names of Interpreters in her association—indicating which are Home and which are Overseas—to the state chairman of Mission Interpreters.

The state chairman of Mission Interpreters compiles the two lists of names and addresses of the Interpreters for her state. To the American Baptist Home Mission Societies she sends her list of names of Mission Interpreters—Home. To the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies she sends her list of names of Mission Interpreters—Overseas.

Packets of material are mailed from the Mission offices in New York three times a year. These packets are sent directly to the persons whose names and addresses are on the lists supplied by the state chairman of Mission Interpreters.

If material is not being received by the right person, work through your state chairman of Mission Interpreters to make the necessary corrections.

Refer to previous issues of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* for additional information on these subjects and others concerning our area of work.

Good News

Not all remarks about Mission Interpreters have been critical. Much good work is being done and is being appreciated.

Let's take a look at some of the facts revealed by the annual reports:

Number of . . .	Home	Overseas
Mission Interpreters	620	963
Interpreters reporting	393	352
Speeches given	3,666	3,509
Persons reached	122,640	154,753

The preceding figures were compiled from the reports of the thirty-four state chairmen who submitted reports. These reports also indicated that . . .

44 state conferences were held for Mission Interpreters.

106 association chairmen reported attending a leadership training conference.

1,482 churches extended invitations to Home Mission Interpreters to speak.

1,614 churches extended invitations to Overseas Mission Interpreters to speak.

1,503 local chairmen of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas reported reading their page in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

So the work progresses, but as we can readily see, the report shows not only how much was accomplished but also what might have been done had we all put more imagination, initiative, and effort into our work.

And Now Good-bye

In June, 1960, I completed four years as your national chairman. At the same time I also completed nine years on the Board of Managers of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. These have been wonderful years for me. I have made many new friends, and I have learned a great deal about our mission program. I will miss all this—yes, I surely will—but I shall be busy in my church, my local Woman's Society, and in my association. I shall look forward to keeping in touch—through these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*—with what is being done—by the chairmen of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas.

Mrs. George Swope

National Chairman

I take pleasure in introducing your new national chairman of Mission Interpreters, Mrs. George Swope, who has had great interest in missions for many years.

In a recent letter, Mrs. Swope wrote as follows:

"The missionary imperative is vital to a dedicated Christian life. It is my hope that through our Mission Interpreters we may more adequately and completely present the cause of Jesus Christ for the whole world."

I know that you will give to Mrs. Swope your full co-operation, that you will support her efforts by your prayers and by your diligence in performing your own share of the work, that the cause of Jesus Christ may be strengthened and extended.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: ELIZABETH FORD (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire



Greetings to all my Counterparts!

Since becoming your national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in the fall of 1959, I have had real pleasure in writing to some of you personally. Some who were recently elected and are just beginning to serve as chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries in the Division of Missions, I am meeting—through these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*—for the first time. You, too, I believe, will find your chairmanship a challenging and rewarding experience, as you plan to increase the interest of the women in your Woman's Society in your own Special Interest Missionaries who are serving in the work of the American Baptist Convention across the United States and in the other countries around the world.

Many of our American Baptist missionaries—as well as those representing other denominations—are in countries where there is great tension, where no one knows from one day to the next what may happen. Have them in your prayers, as they show by their lives the love that Christ came to reveal to the whole world.

Feel free to write to me at any time, asking questions or making suggestions which you think might prove helpful to some other chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Keep on the lookout for new methods which will increase the concern of the women in our Woman's Societies—indeed, of all the members of our churches—for our SPECIALS as they carry on this very special work to further the Kingdom of God among all mankind.

The Great Convention in Rochester

I wish each of you might have been in Rochester, New York, for Woman's Day and for the American Baptist Convention. As always the peak of the Convention was the Sunday evening presentation of the new missionaries. This year participating in the service were forty-two new appointees: sixteen for foreign fields; twenty-six for the home field. Also presented to the gathering of nearly ten thousand people were thirty-two retired home and foreign missionaries and approximately one hundred active missionaries and national leaders.

It is hoped that each church will post on its bulletin board two copies of the large poster of missionaries' pictures which was distributed at the Sunday evening service. Printed on this folder—showing on one side the pictures of the new missionaries going to foreign mission fields and on the reverse side the new missionaries going to home mission fields—are these words: "Did

one of these new missionaries come from your church?" "These go in faith, dependent upon your prayers and gifts."

Let each one of us request that these folders be posted on the church bulletin board throughout 1960-1961! Let us resolve to uphold with our prayers and personal remembrances these dedicated young people who are representing us through their service to American Baptist home and foreign mission fields! This is our work as chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries.

Did You Attend

A Conference or House Party?

In the 1960 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, I introduced Mrs. Ruth Lulek, the chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in the First Baptist Church of Rutland, Vermont. In the previous article regarding Mrs. Lulek, the following important facts were omitted.

Mrs. Lulek was elected to her office as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in April. In May, she attended her first state convention, at which she received inspiration and information for her new responsibility. In June, she attended the Women's Association all-day meeting. There she had an opportunity to talk with a missionary. In September, she registered for full-time attendance at the state house party. It was her first house party, but at the close of it she knew that there would "have to be a very good reason to keep her from being present in the future at this time of wonderful fellowship with women from other churches in the state and of training given by the state and national leaders."

Mrs. Lulek realized that she needed help if her job in the local society was to be done effectively. And that applies, does it not, to every one of us—officer, chairman or member.

Has each one of us availed herself of the opportunities which are open to receive training in denominational and interdenominational conferences and house parties and retreats? If so, we are, doubtless, glad, as was Mrs. Ruth Lulek.

"... be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, ..." is the 1960-1961 emphasis for the Division of Missions. Romans 12:2.

Helps for Your Job

● Among the items passed to me by my predecessor, Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr., was a folder containing a number of copies of "Leader's Guide for the Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in the local Woman's Society." While these guides were prepared two years ago, they continue to be timely and helpful and applicable to our work. If you don't find a copy in the workbook given to you by your predecessor, I shall be glad to supply one. Please send your request, with ten cents, to my home address: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire.

● The Division of Missions has a leaflet which is exceedingly helpful to our area of work: "Specialties for Our Specials" has been revised with the help of our home and foreign mission societies. This leaflet gives the answers to those questions concerning mailing packages, etc., to our missionaries. This revised copy is printed in turquoise ink. It replaces the previous edition, printed in red ink, which should be destroyed, since it is outdated. To each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries has been sent a supply sufficient to enable her to send one copy to each association and to each local chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. If you have not received your copy by the first of October, communicate with your association or state chairman.

"These Are Our Own"

Did you use the leaflet entitled "These Are Our Own" which was included in the 1959-1960 Program Packet, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do"? If you did not, be sure to save it for future use. The presentation of this program is another means through which to create interest in our Special Interest Missionaries.

From Maine

Mrs. Clyde Irish, of South Gorham, Maine, prepared a very fine program entitled, "This Is Your Life, Reverend and Mrs. Gideon Dexter." Such a program which is extremely well done is very rewarding as well as informative. Mrs. L. G. Mortimer, state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries for Maine, reports that Mrs. Irish's program has been mimeographed and is being circulated throughout the state on a "loan" basis. "Yes," writes Mrs. Mortimer, "Maine women cherish their SPECIALS and delight in telling others about them."

From Nevada

Mrs. LeRoy Millis, state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, wrote about an interesting program worked out in her home church in Henderson: three women in costume, impersonated three of their SPECIALS, talking in the first person. The room was appropriately decorated and appropriate refreshments were served.

I shall be glad to pass on to others any special programs which you are willing to share.

Is There a Change?

Are the lists of SPECIALS to be changed again this year? The following quotation is from a letter sent by the Reverend Alfred F. Merrill, administrative secretary of the Public Relations Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, to all state chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries:

"When we began the change of assignments, it was proposed that after this first over-all change, major changes in assignments would come every three years. In considering this further, it does seem advisable to revise this plan. Missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies are usually away from the states for a period of five to six years. To change assignments every three years would mean that some states would never have an opportunity to meet 'their' missionaries personally while they were assigned for special interest. Thus I believe it would be best for our societies to follow the plan of reassignment of a missionary only after she or he had completed a term of service overseas and been home on furlough. Of course there would still be occasional changes in assignments because of retirements, resignations, and deaths. I would appreciate your reaction and suggestions about this plan. If any state wishes additional assignments, please let us know."

This seems to be a very good plan and we believe that you, too, will agree. If you have suggestions regarding the plan, please write to me at my home address or to Mr. Merrill at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

For the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, the plan is to change the lists of assignments of Special Interest Missionaries for each state every three years.

Change of Address

for Special Interest Missionary

"Some groups have complained," writes the Reverend Alfred F. Merrill, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, "that they are not kept informed of the changes of addresses for their Special Interest Missionaries. Our list gives addresses as of June 1960. However, you may note that some missionaries are on furlough (F) and yet an overseas address is given. We have done this where the missionary will be returning overseas by September 1960. We suggest that you advise the local groups to check with our office for a missionary's address, before sending any parcel overseas. Letters are forwarded from one address to another, but parcels are another matter."

QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: How long does each state keep the same Special Interest Missionaries?

Answer: For American Baptist Foreign missionaries—throughout their term on the field and their furlough year.

For American Baptist home missionaries—for three years.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service



From: RUTH MCKINNEY (Mrs. Wade McKinney) (right)

Introducing: CORA SPARROWK (Mrs. John Sparrowk) (left)

National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 302 Montair Drive, Danville,
California



Dear friends:

"Lo the summer is ended!" I'm sure it has been for each of you a busy time, for the plans for the year's work had to be made. Information and inspiration for these plans had to be found in house parties and conferences. I hope that you have also taken some time for real rest of body, mind, and spirit. Such re-creation is necessary if you are to enter with enthusiasm into the work of the year.

Never before have we entered a year when the need of genuine Christian service was greater. I am especially conscious of this fact because I have seen so recently so much of this need in the countries where our missionaries serve overseas. I would sincerely desire to impress upon each of you—and have you in turn pass on to your co-workers—the urgency of the need of our Christian witness expressed in our Christian service.

Let us make this year the best ever in every area of service in our division of Christian Service!

Welcome!

Some of you are assuming the office of Vice-President of Christian Service for the first time. To you, we extend a very warm welcome. No one in the entire society has a more important position than you have accepted. In your hands lies the effective co-ordination of the work of Love Gift, White Cross, and Christian Social Relations. These are the areas that involve the dedication of the whole person.

As Vice-President of Christian Service, you will want to have meetings with your chairmen so that *together* you may plan the best ways to carry out what is expected of your division. The sharing of ideas is invaluable to the successful working of each committee.

So we welcome you to the fellowship of a great division of Service. We pray God's guidance and blessing for all of you.

Attention!

Let us refresh our memories concerning several duties for which the Vice-President of Christian Service is responsible:

→ 1. We are still striving to keep a steady supply of *good, clean*, used clothing moving into the warehouses of Church World Service. Indeed, the need is even greater because of disasters in recent months. Blankets

too are in great demand. Do not let up in the promotion of this great project. Urge the plan of placing "A barrel (or box) in the vestibule of every church."

→ 2. The "Guild of Intercessors" made real progress in this first year of promotion. There were 388 Guilds reported. Congratulations to those who tried to give this service to the shut-in members of the churches!

However of the 4859 societies reporting, 388 is a small number. Please obtain a packet which contains ten folders and ten certificates. Study the folder and certificate. Read the explanation in the 1959 fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Start at once to form a Guild of Intercessors in your church. Those who have really tried a Guild of Intercessors speak in glowing terms of its effectiveness.

→ 3. If you have not already sent your used Christmas cards to our missionaries overseas, be sure to get them on the way at once. It takes at least two months by sea mail for them to reach any of the countries of Asia.

Check first with the Reverend Alfred Merrill, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, for the name of a missionary to whom these cards may be sent.

There are also Christian centers—perhaps one in or near your city—where these cards may be wanted.

Remember, please: The cards must reflect the religious significance of Christmas, both in scene and in verse.

→ 4. In the 1960 winter issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, suggestions were printed concerning cancelled postage stamps, for which money may be realized, and addresses to which the stamps may be sent. If your workbook is up-to-date, you can easily find your page of the 1960 winter issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

The commemorative stamps are most valuable, but even the regular stamps bring some money. Remove stamp carefully from envelope or card by soaking in water, thus removing paste. Perforations must be kept intact. This is an excellent job to place in the hands of the members whose physical activities are limited.

Love Gift

How grateful and happy every one was when on Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, in Rochester, New York, it was announced that the Love Gift goal for 1959 had

not only been reached but surpassed! Refer to page 24.

Start now to urge your chairmen of the Love Gift to report monthly and to use a dedication service at the conclusion of each report. Monthly reporting and dedication services bring effective increases to the amount of the Love Gift.

White Cross

Have you received the White Cross quota for your society? Is it one of the largest that you have ever had? That is possible. I hope you will accept your quota readily and will begin immediately to fill it and to send it on time.

The quotas are larger because the need is greater. Were it possible to see how very much the articles supplied in this way are appreciated and cherished by the missionaries who request them, the quotas would be filled, I believe even at personal sacrifices.

As Vice-President of Christian Service, work closely with the chairman of White Cross to see that the quota is filled. If after prayerful and thoughtful consideration the quota appears to be more than your society can accomplish, be sure to return the unfinished quota *early* enough to assure its completion by some other church.

Christian Social Relations

If there were ever a time when Christians need to *live* what they profess, it is *now*. Christian Social Relations is the everyday living of the principles in Christ's teaching as it affects those with whom we come in daily contact. The relationships in our community, in our country, and in our world will be determined by the attitudes of the people who inhabit the world. Are we as Christian women doing all in our power to make these attitudes Christian?

The November, 1960, election is of great importance in world history. Will Christian women do their part toward electing to office those who will lead us to peace and brotherhood? This is a real responsibility for Vice-Presidents of Christian Service. Help your chairman of Christian Social Relations to get a vision of the broad scope of her work. Encourage her to face the problems peculiar to the community, striving to bring the spirit of Christ into all human relationships.

Thank You!

The four years of service as your national Vice-President of Christian Service have come to an end. I cannot begin to express what they have meant to me. Your co-operation, your friendship, your love have helped me more than I can tell. Together we have moved forward in the service of our Master. My sincere appreciation goes to every member of our division across the American Baptist Convention—from the six devoted national chairmen with whom it has been my privilege to serve to the counterparts in state, association, and local societies.

Our New Vice-President

It is now my great pleasure and privilege to present Mrs. John Sparrowk, of Danville, California. Mrs. Sparrowk, elected on Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, in

Rochester, New York, comes to this office well qualified to lead you in new paths of service. Mrs. Sparrowk, who has served as Vice-President of Christian Service in the state Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Northern California, possesses a winning personality, creative ability, and a dedicated heart. I know you will give your full co-operation to her.

May God's blessings rest upon Mrs. Sparrowk and upon you as together you strive for the coming of His Kingdom.

Greetings from Mrs. Sparrowk

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I truly have felt God's leading in accepting these new responsibilities, therefore my confidence shall be in him for guidance and wisdom as we face the challenge and opportunities of this office.

As a retiring state Vice-President of Christian Service, I can say with all of you a heartfelt word of appreciation to Mrs. Wade McKinney for the outstanding leadership she has given to this division during the past four years. I covet your prayers that together we shall enthusiastically continue to go forward in expanding our areas of Christian Service throughout the world.

Floods in Limbe, typhoons in Japan, and earthquakes in Chile, reminded us of the needs to be met through Church World Service. We feel keenly our responsibility as Vice-President of Christian Service to promote among our Baptist women response to these urgent appeals. To do our part as American Baptists in providing a fair share of the ten million pounds of used clothing, we must be alert to the importance of channeling information promptly to our counterparts.

To keep hands busier, we shall be promoting the Cut Garment Project which is a part of the Church World Service program. Increasing numbers of women in local societies are taking advantage of the opportunity this project offers to sew new clothes for shipment overseas. Garments, cut and ready for sewing, are purchased at a minimum cost from Church World Service Centers.¹

We all agree with Mrs. McKinney that we have never faced a period in life when it was more important that our Christianity be put into our personal living. With the coming of the jet age the world is a neighborhood and as Christians we must make it a brotherhood.

I shall be very happy to hear from each of you, and I shall welcome your suggestions at any time. We have a job to do together as we encourage women to carry out the goals set before us for the year. May our prayer be:

Take us on a quest for service
Kingly servant of man's needs,
Let us work with Thee for others,
Anywhere Thy purpose leads.

¹ Church World Service centers: 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, New York; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California; New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: MARGARET DARLING (Mrs. George R. Darling)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 448 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio



Pardon Me, But . . .

You Don't

Think of your office in the Woman's Society as just a routine task—now do you? Any officer or chairman who has slipped into this frame of mind should know that the way to change her office from a monotonous ritual to one of intense interest and added accomplishment is to let her "creative initiative" fire her enthusiasm.

There is room for improvement in all of us. The satisfaction found in making these improvements is the payoff in happiness. An eager and increased interest will result from planning your improvements. From trying new ideas will come wider experience and an ultimate satisfaction in accomplishing your objective. A sense of originality will prevail in the knowledge that "your idea" has become a reality. When our "creative initiative" goes into action things begin to happen. Therefore, never lose sight of the opportunities for creative ingenuity which are held for us by our office in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Pardon Me, But . . .

You Wouldn't

Go to the meeting of your Woman's Society without your Love Gift box—now would you? Others may take their offerings in an old envelope—tied up in a handkerchief—loose in their pocketbooks—but never, no never, the chairman of Love Gift! She takes her Love Gift box with her, for she knows that what she does speaks so loudly that another cannot hear what she says. Words can conceal as well as reveal. Our deeds are our thoughts in action.

Do You Have It—Have You Seen It?

The New Love Gift Kit . . .

Is a delightful portfolio for the chairman who carries the Love Gift portfolio. It is more attractive than I had anticipated. We are pleased and proud to present the new Love Gift Kit to you.

Order your Love Gift Kit without delay from the nearest American Baptist bookstore.¹ The supply is limited; the kits are selling rapidly. The price is \$1.25, and the kit is worth every cent of it!

¹ Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 8, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Love Gift Honor Roll

States Reporting Regularly

Arizona	Michigan
Northern California	Minnesota
Southern California	Nevada
Colorado	Nebraska
Connecticut	New Hampshire
North Dakota	New York
South Dakota	Ohio
Illinois	Oregon
Indiana	Pennsylvania
Iowa	Utah
Kansas	Washington
Massachusetts	West Virginia

There is only one requirement necessary for a state to be included in the National Love Gift Honor Roll: the state chairman must send a report each month to the national chairman of Love Gift. The report does not necessarily need to be complete: just a report once a month each month. That's all!

Our Annual Report

Amazing, stupendous, colossal is the response of American Baptist women to the needs of others, as manifested in their generous over-and-above giving to the Love Gift!

It was a glorious year as we stretched every nerve to surpass all previous giving. The total exceeded our fondest expectations. Giving sacrificially to Christ's work cannot fail to draw us closer to him.

There are more than five thousand societies in our American Baptist Convention. Let us look at the following information revealed by the annual reports sent to the national chairman of Love Gift from the state chairmen of Love Gift.

1190 societies accepted a goal
1660 societies used Love Gift boxes
3069 societies used checkbook reports
2288 societies used Dedication Services

Unfortunately, two state reports arrived too late to be included.

You will note on the "Report of the Woman's Love Gift for 1959," printed on page 24, that the Love Gift giving of the states is reported on a per capita basis.

→ Study these figures.

→ Rejoice in the story they tell.

→ Resolve to expand that story in 1961.

Report of the Women's Love Gift for 1959

<i>State</i>	<i>Number of Active Women¹</i>	<i>1959 Goal</i>	<i>1959 Gift</i>	<i>Per Capita Giving†</i>
Arizona	1,246	.....	\$3,827.26	\$3.07
Northern California	10,472	\$23,240.00	22,750.54	2.17
Southern California	15,759	75,000.00	82,304.10	5.22*
Colorado	4,278	10,300.00	11,711.17	2.74
Connecticut	2,573	6,850.00	6,875.72	2.67
Delaware	328	.....	1,590.06	4.85*
District of Columbia	4,118	.....	15,322.36	3.72
Idaho	1,620	2,800.00	3,142.41	1.94
Illinois	14,420	.....	34,059.83	2.36
Indiana	14,925	27,000.00	30,808.96	2.06
Iowa	7,076	18,000.00	18,403.60	2.60
Kansas	10,983	33,000.00	35,668.14	3.25
Maine	4,383	11,000.00	11,392.33	2.60
Massachusetts	11,354	19,500.00	20,417.55	1.80
Michigan	10,054	19,500.00	20,027.57	1.99
Minnesota	1,405	7,800.00	8,299.56	5.91*
Missouri	1,196	.....	1,644.92	1.38
Montana	1,056	2,750.00	2,550.32	2.42
Nebraska	3,459	8,250.00	8,869.57	2.56
Nevada	472	1,800.00	2,147.59	4.55*
New Hampshire	1,471	2,300.00	3,013.49	2.05
New Jersey	7,830	16,000.00	16,692.42	2.13
New York	20,686	.....	32,367.92	1.56
North Dakota	497	2,000.00	2,125.51	4.28*
South Dakota	1,644	3,500.00	3,986.24	2.42
Ohio	14,820	37,500.00	40,795.53	2.75
Oregon	2,560	.....	4,774.61	1.87
Pennsylvania	14,653	43,000.00	43,870.04	2.99
Rhode Island	2,690	7,100.00	7,221.32	2.69
Utah	566	1,750.00	1,811.19	3.20
Vermont	1,509	2,000.00	1,537.58	1.02
Washington	6,573	16,987.75	16,091.62	2.45
West Virginia	14,792	43,000.00	47,094.04	3.18
Wisconsin	3,115	6,800.00	6,238.28	2.00
Wyoming	973	2,800.00	2,752.20	2.64
Oklahoma .....	.....	.....	76.68	....
Total	215,556	\$515,000.00	\$572,262.23	\$2.65
Love Gift Offering at Des Moines, Iowa, 1959 .....	.....	.....	1,029.38	.....
Grand total of Love Gift for 1959 .....	.....	.....	\$573,291.61	.....

* The five states with highest per capita giving:

Minnesota	\$5.91
Southern California	5.22
Delaware	4.85
Nevada	4.55
North Dakota	4.28

† Upon the request of the state presidents, it was voted at the 1959 September meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women to report Love Gift giving of the states on the per capita basis. The per capita figures are determined by using the number of active women reported to the national president by the state president and the amount of Love Gift reported to the national chairman of Love Gift by the state chairman of Love Gift.

¹ Number of active women taken from report sent by state presidents to the national president.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: DOROTHY BAHR (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)

National Chairman of White Cross

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 611 North Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin



Over-Emphasis, Impossible!

Chairmen of White Cross

We cannot over-emphasize your value to the White Cross program. The White Cross organization, which could be considered funnel shape, sends essential tools to our devoted missionaries. At the bottom of the funnel is the national chairman of White Cross; she is only the channel for the work *you* do. Fanning out in a close circle come the state workers who touch the channel and support the wider portion of the funnel. Association chairmen are a vital part as the funnel widens. But the local workers are at the very top of the funnel; for this is where the sewing, rolling, and purchasing are accomplished. Each section of the funnel is needed if our mission task is to be accomplished. *You* are important!

Reports Revealed . . .

In the year ending in April, 1960, that there were fourteen states which completed their quotas. We believe that most of the boxes were sent, but six hundred societies did not report. This represents a real breakdown in our lines of communication.

In some states, the state Guild Counselor did not understand that her White Cross report was to be sent to the state chairman of White Cross, who should have mailed to her a regular association report blank for this purpose. Some of the work done by the Guild girls was not reported through these state chairmen, and the quotas remained incomplete. We hope to clarify this on the report forms due in April, 1961.

Lend all your efforts now that the quotas may be filled and your work reported *on time*.

Know what you are doing. Fill the quota. Ship to the right place. Report!

Questions and Answers

Question:

Our Overland quota calls for bean-bags to be mailed to Latin America. Would it be possible to make the bags and mail them empty, sending money with which to purchase the beans at the mission, and thus save postage?

Answer:

"This would be a good procedure," states Miss Dorothy Bucklin, associate executive secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, who answers inquiries on Overland

quotas when your state chairman cannot give the information. Miss Bucklin cautioned that when sending money for purchase of home mission supplies it is important to check always on the possible availability of the goods in the specific area.

Question:

The Overseas quota requests wool sweaters for the Congo. Could we substitute orlon sweaters?

Answer:

"Now that substitute fibres have improved in durability and warmth this substitution is possible," according to Mrs. Frank A. Sharp, in charge of White Cross for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. It is Mrs. Sharp who knows the answer when your state chairman is in doubt about Overseas quotas. Be sure to observe instructions in following statement.

Important!

Hold All Boxes for Congo

In mid-July the strife which followed independence in Congo made it necessary for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies to evacuate most of their missionaries from that field. A few men remained in Leopoldville to maintain contact with American Baptist mission stations and to supervise arrangements in the interest of the mission. Two medical missionary couples also stayed on the field at their own request to give greatly needed medical assistance.

Missionaries who have returned to America stressed the fact that they were aided in every way by Congolese on their stations, and expressed confidence that the work of the mission would be in competent hands.

At the outbreak of hostilities all White Cross shipments to Congo were stopped. As this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN goes to press, present conditions in the Congo make it impossible to determine when missionaries may be returned to their centers of work. Therefore all local societies are requested to hold boxes of White Cross supplies for Congo until further notice. The shipping rooms will have limited space for storing supplies in addition to those now on hand for shipment to Congo.

Churches should continue to send to the shipper White Cross boxes for Assam, Burma, and South India. These supplies will be repacked and shipped as usual.

As soon as conditions make it possible for our mission-

aries to be returned to Congo, you will be advised when supplies may again be sent into the shipping rooms. Meanwhile, all of us shall be remembering in prayer our Congolese leaders and our missionaries.

Complying with Requests

The following service is printed here by special requests from many women who heard parts of it given by me in various places during the past year. It can be used to introduce the next year's White Cross quota at the general meeting; at the beginning of a White Cross meeting; or with a brief preface, used to tell where the goods are sent. With the change of one sentence in the prayer (indicated by parentheses), it would make an effective dedication service.

White Cross Parables

Parable of the Sower

And when a great crowd gathered together, coming to him out of every city, Jesus spake to them the parable of the sower:

A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some seed fell on city streets where it was trodden under traffic and almost stifled with fumes from the refineries and acrid smoke from the steel mills. But through joyous games, crafts, and other White Cross supplies, the skillful sower cultivated the seed to a worthy harvest, even in the crowded ways of life.

Other seed dropped on barren wastes on Indian reservations; and as soon as growth started, it needed nourishment and living water. The sower trained and encouraged the seedling with sewing lessons, using quilt blocks; with classes in baby care, using layettes; and with Bible stories illustrated with pictures provided through White Cross. This seed grew to maturity because the sower and his White Cross helpers could enrich the barren soil.

Another part fell among the thorns of misunderstanding and racial prejudice. The sower could not untangle the brush; but in cutting the briars of ignorance by starting educational centers and by providing school supplies through White Cross, the plant was helped to the sunlight where it could grow and flourish.

But some seed fell on good soil. Blessed are they who have always known the seed and the sower. To whom much hath been given, much is required. These could bring forth fruit an hundred fold.

Parable of the Good Samaritan

And again they came to Jesus and asked, "Good Master, what is the greatest commandment?" And he answered them saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And they said, "Who is my neighbor?" And he taught them through the parable of the good Samaritan:

A certain man while on the road from Roxas City to Iloilo fell among thieves who beat him and robbed him and stripped him of all he possessed. While he was ly-

ing by the side of the road, a priest passed by; and taking the man for dead, went his way. Soon a government official drove along, but seeing that the man was a Chinese immigrant felt no responsibility.

Then came another who saw the need of this helpless one. This Christian administered first aid, lifted him tenderly, and drove him to the mission hospital at Iloilo where his wounds were treated by Doctor Daehler and bound up with White Cross bandages; where he was clothed in a convalescent gown made through White Cross; and where he received Christian medical attention and Christian nursing care, both provided through our giving to missions. His soul wondered, and he asked, "What manner of love is this, that these who know me not have so tenderly cared for me?" And they answered, "This we do in the name of Jesus who cares for all God's children, everywhere." Which of these was his neighbor?

White Cross provides an opportunity for us as individuals to be neighbors to the world. We cannot go ourselves to give the help so sorely needed by the outcast, the refugee, and those hungering for hope. But, God, in his wisdom and mercy, is giving us the chance to minister to people both in our homeland and in far-away places. We can make things with our hands that will be tools for our missionaries in telling the story "That All May Know of Jesus." Here, in this church, through the miracle of White Cross, your hand can clasp the hand of an orphan in Alaska in need of a coat; bring hope and presentable clothing to a young Negro woman who wishes to serve her people by teaching; or bind the wounds of a patient in the remote hills of Burma. Through our concern for others, perhaps through a single stitch they may begin to see that Christ cares for them.

God's Plan¹

One small life in God's great plan,
How futile it seems as the ages roll,
Do what it may, or strive how it can,
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole!
A single stitch in an endless web,
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,
Or marred where the tangled threads have crossed;
And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that its Maker meant.
—Susan Coolidge, 1845-1905.

Let us pray:

O God, who has laid the pattern of service before us through inspired, Holy Word, and in sending thine only son into the world; so lead us into paths of love and righteousness that our hearts may indeed be grateful; and in deep humility and thanksgiving may our lives be spent in true sacrifice for the goals set before us by our Saviour; 'till at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue confess Him Lord. (For this purpose we come today to work for White Cross.) May our labors be acceptable in Thy sight and worthy of our symbol of self-giving and love victorious: even the Cross of Christ. Amen.

¹ "God's Plan," from "Commonplace," printed in *Masterpieces of Religious Verse*, by Harper and Brothers, New York City, New York.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: OLIVE TILLER (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)

National Chairman of Christian Social Relations

Department of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Jane Addams Centennial

September 6, 1960, marked the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jane Addams, a remarkable woman who pioneered in many fields. While she is probably remembered most often for her social work at Chicago's Hull House, which she founded, she made significant contributions in the fields of racial equality and world peace as well. Indeed, she was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Award.

Through the continuation of her efforts for justice, peace, and freedom, the memory of Jane Addams is honored. It has been said of her that she "lives rather in her unfulfilled purposes than in her contributions to the problems of a time gone by." Thus, whenever new victories in human relations are gained, the spirit of Jane Addams lives on. The objectives of the Jane Addams Centennial are: social betterment; justice in government; equality of races; peace and bread.

World Community Day—November 4, 1960

More than inspirational messages, more than enriching, ecumenical fellowship, more even than a learning and training experience, this year's observance of World Community Day will provide an opportunity for action. With emphasis on freedom from poverty, ignorance, and chronic ill health in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Chile, and Burma, the theme for World Community Day is "Christian Action for Freedom."

To help women in other parts of the world, we will do four things:

1. Assemble home medical kits.
2. Sew children's nightgowns.
3. Collect children's clothing
4. Give money

→ The medical kits are to be sent to women taking first-aid courses in rural areas where medical services are lacking. They are to contain the following specific items:

2 packages Band-aids
1 can antiseptic powder
1 package bicarbonate of soda
1 jar Vicks or Mentholatum
1 package absorbent cotton
2-4 oz. packages boric acid powder

toothpaste
1 tube vaseline
1 bottle iodine
6 rolls gauze
2 or 3 toothbrushes
1 package gauze pads
2 rolls adhesive tape,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 1" wide

Each kit should be packed separately, tied securely, and marked plainly.

→ The nightgowns may be made from any simple pattern, size two to ten years, with opening in center of front yoke. Cotton flannel or some other strong material should be used. They will be sent to children in church-supported institutions such as orphanages, sanitariums, hospitals, and schools. Let's make them attractive!

→ Used clothing for small children, and yarn or yard goods from which children's clothing can be made, will be sent to refugees in North Africa, Northern India, and the Far East.

→ The money collected will make possible training in nutrition, child welfare, and social work for women from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Chile, and Burma. The program, administered by Church World Service, will be carried out during 1961.

Each chairman of Christian Social Relations will want to participate personally in these activities, and will want to give them wide publicity in her own society so that many others will take part with her.

Tenth Anniversary Trick or Treat

October, 1960, will mark the tenth anniversary of the greatest effort ever made by children to help children. Last year, over two million children, in more than ten thousand communities throughout our nation, collected \$1,500,000 for UNICEF on Halloween. And how was the money used?

1. To combat the evils of mass disease and malnutrition.

2. To foster modern miracles of medical care and food research.

A single penny given to the Children's Fund can provide enough vaccine to protect a child against TB.

A nickel can represent the penicillin to cure a case of yaws.

Twenty cents represents the antibiotics to treat a child for trachoma.

Fifty cents can supply enough DDT to protect four children from malaria for a year.

One dollar can provide sufficient sulfone tablets to treat a young leprosy victim successfully for three years.

If all the children who benefitted from UNICEF-provided anti-TB vaccine marched four abreast, five feet apart, their procession would reach around the world at the equator! UNICEF's penicillin has treated

millions for yaws, and one whole country—Haiti—has been freed from the scourge.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of Trick or Treat, UNICEF is offering the use of 8" x 10" glossy photos in the three main areas of nutrition, mass disease control, and mother and child welfare. For these, and for the UNICEF Halloween Planning Kit, which sells for one dollar, write to U. S. Committee for UNICEF, P. O. Box 1618, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York. In requesting the photos, indicate the number and type wanted.

HI Neighbor

Have you ever played Ethiopian gebeta? eaten tong yip? made a Greek costume doll? read about Na-Ha the fighter? sung a Nigerian song to the beat of a drum? HI NEIGHBOR (Book III) will tell you how! This volume, published by the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, is filled with games, crafts, stories, recipes, flags, festivals, and facts about Chile, Greece, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Thailand. (Books I and II deal with other countries.) This latest addition to a series devoted to countries that are being helped by UNICEF tells our children about the similarities and differences between themselves and others, and is illustrated in color and in black and white. Send order to the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, New York. Price, \$1.50.

Refugees

World Refugee Year has officially come to an end, but the plight of the refugees continues. One purpose of the World Refugee Year was to focus attention on the homeless stranger in every land in order that we might minister more effectively to his physical and spiritual needs. This must be a continuing process as long as there remain those who have fled their countries for reasons of oppression, injustice, poverty, illness, or disaster.

Another purpose was to bring constructive effort to the problem of resettling refugees in new and permanent homes. American Baptists made a significant contribution to this effort. Five weeks before the Year came to an end, they had sponsored a total of 436 persons. But this was nothing new, for since 1948, a total of 7,772 refugees have been sponsored through our American Baptist Home Mission Societies. This represents nearly 10 per cent of the number processed by the Church World Service Department of the National Council of Churches. Through the Department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Society our church members in the name of Christ, are answering the call "Help me!" One phase of this work is the Inter-Country Adoption Program, through which overseas orphans can be adopted by American parents. For further information, write to the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

THE CAMP, a 13-minute black and white sound film, has recently been produced by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Narrated by Ingrid Bergman, it reviews ten years in refugee camps

through the eyes of a young wife whose three children were born in the camp and have known no other home. Hope, disappointment, and anxiety are woven into the story. The film's theme, despite a background of achievement, is an accusation that the world has not yet done enough. Film rental \$4; purchase \$30; from Contemporary Films, Inc. Choose your nearest office: 267 West 25th Street, New York 1, New York; 614 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois; or 2506½ West 7th Street, Los Angeles 5, California.

Effective Non-Violence

Civil disagreement with any set-up, practiced in love and exercised non-violently, has been demonstrated as a powerful force in overcoming evil. The techniques of Jesus Christ, effectively used and taught by Mohandas K. Gandhi, have been proven again in our own country. Far more mighty than the sword is the unseen power of love!

If you would like to join the protest against segregation in lunch counters in certain stores in the south, write to the following men, expressing your convictions: Mr. R. C. McLaren, F. W. Woolworth Company, 233 Broadway, New York, New York, and Mr. Karl Helfrich, S. H. Kress and Company, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. In writing, it would be best to commend the companies for action already taken in certain localities, and to urge a nationwide policy of desegregation.

Election

Effective Christian citizenship requires a fair and open mind plus accurate, up-to-date information, plus intelligent, prayerful, and unprejudiced thought. While it is true that voting is as much a Christian responsibility and a civic duty as it is a constitutional right, it is nonetheless true that voting, to be truly responsible, must be preceded by study and analysis.

Membership in a good-government organization can provide opportunity for this kind of preparation for Election Day. One such group is the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization which has local units throughout the country.

It is not inappropriate for church groups to sponsor discussions of political issues, and even of candidates for office, provided such discussions are non-partisan, and are conducted with the aim of applying Christian principles to government.

Contrary to a long-prevalent idea that politics must always of necessity be "dirty" or corrupt, it is most desirable for Christian people to become active in political matters. Only as this is done will government at all levels begin to reflect higher ideals and practices. Each chairman of Christian Social Relations should encourage the members of her society to increased participation in local government.

Following the May Fellowship Day last spring, at which the theme was "Christian Citizenship—Free and Responsible," the United Church Women prepared a one-day institute on that subject, suitable for use in workgroups preparing for the forthcoming elections. Order from the United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: OLGA BELL (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)

National Vice-President of Christian Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

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A Victory for CHEC

A report of success for CHEC (the Christian Higher Education Challenge) was given at the American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York, on June 3, 1960. The audience was aware that the goal was \$7,500,000, and that over six hundred churches were yet to conduct their campaigns. With bated breath, the people watched as one by one numerals were brought onto the stage to reveal the thrilling report: the pledges totaled \$8,214,367!

The Women Helped

Through the Vice-President of Christian Training, CHEC was promoted in the Woman's Society. Over a thousand appeals were made to local societies, urging the women to support the campaign in their churches. An expression of appreciation for the help given by women was made by Miss Joan Thatcher, Publicity Director, Department of Public Relations, Board of Education and Publication, when she wrote: "We are sure that a good deal of CHEC's success is due to the fine backing the women have given it."

The Job Is Not Done

Signing of pledges is only the beginning of a campaign—like buying a house or a car on deferred payment, for example. The signature on a promissory note does not mean complete possession. So it is with CHEC; the pledge is a step toward possession. The victory comes when pledges are marked "Paid in Full."

The Things You Can Do

1. Reminders

In financial campaigns, there is a shrinkage in the funds pledged, usually figured approximately at ten per cent. Therefore, it is vital to the success of the CHEC campaign that there be a constant reminder of the importance of paying all pledges in full.

2. CHEC Week

The CHEC Week Plan makes it possible to present the CHEC challenge to a church in eight days, from Sunday to Sunday. If your church is still to observe its campaign through CHEC Week, or any other plan, urge the members of the Woman's Society to give serious consideration to the challenge and to do their best to help the church achieve its goal.

3. Announcements

In the Woman's Society meeting . . .

- (a) Employ a series of announcements regarding the ways money from CHEC is to be used and by whom. Make these announcements in the form of news flashes, such as might be given by a radio or television news commentator. Secure information from *Crusader*, *Baptist Leader*, and other denominational publications.
- (b) Ask the chairman of the Church CHEC Committee to report the progress made by the church.
- (c) Ask the Church Student Counselor to report on a student member of the church, who is benefitting from CHEC, or whose college is receiving help.
- (d) Use quotations from denominational publications referring to CHEC.

4. Interest Arouzers

Make cut-outs (a check mark, graduation cap, or some item appropriate to higher education) to be worn on the lapel at a meeting or to be used as favors at a luncheon or dinner. Employ interest arousers of this type to raise the question as to why they are being used, thereby providing the opportunity to talk about CHEC.

5. Society Programs

The Program Committee of the Woman's Society is eager to receive suggestions from the divisions. Following are two ideas for programs pertaining to higher education:

- (a) Use the film, "College on the Freeway," the story of Tim Halsted, a commuting student at the University of California at Los Angeles. Tim began wondering what he was accomplishing until the American Baptist program called "Mission to the Academic Community," administered by the American Baptist campus ministry helped him to find again a goal he had almost forgotten. "College on the Freeway" is a sound, color motion picture, 15 minutes in length, renting for five dollars from the Baptist Film Library.¹
- (b) Have as guest speaker a Christian leader who is related to the academic community. Many leaders are happy to interpret the nature of higher education from the Christian point of view.

¹ Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California.

6. Circle Programs

From information in *Missions*, *Crusader*, *Baptist Leader*, and other denominational publications, newspapers, magazines, and additional sources, develop programs that can be shared with circle leaders. The following program, "Nothing But the Truth About Education," was evolved from various sources.

"Nothing but the Truth About Education!"

A True and False Quiz

[The True and False statements may be mimeographed. Allow time at the beginning of the meeting for members to mark their papers. Then the leader may read each statement, secure the correct answer, and enlarge on the point. As an alternative, the leader may read the statement aloud, ask for the correct answer from the group, and make further remarks.]

1. Figures indicate that only a few young people are interested in securing a higher education. T F

False. Twenty years ago the college population was 1,500,000. By 1970, there will be seven million young people seeking admission to college. Today a college degree is almost as necessary as was a high school diploma a generation ago; it has become a symbol of status and a minimum qualification for a junior executive job.

2. Tuition costs have increased faster than the cost of living. T F

True. While the cost of living has gone up 7 per cent in the last five years, the cost of tuition in state colleges has increased 32 per cent and in private schools, 39 per cent.

3. The tuition fees paid by a student cover all the cost of educating him. T F

False. Last December one university reported that while the student paid a tuition fee of \$1,450, the actual cost per student to the university was \$2,300 a year.

4. Records indicate that by the time their first child is ready for college, most parents have saved up enough money for four years of college. T F

False. A recent survey made by the Ford Foundation indicated that only 40 per cent of the families who plan for their children to go to college are saving toward it. They are averaging \$150 a year, which means that in ten years they will have saved enough for one child to attend college only one year.

5. Corporations are making contributions to education through scholarships, matching gifts, and outright gifts. T F

True. In 1959 the Council for Financial Aid to Education, New York, reported a 23.5 per cent increase in corporate aid to education over a two-year period, 1956-1958. One has only to read the college bulletins to discover that our American Baptist colleges are receiving many gifts from industries. Concern is now evident that giving by private individuals must be increased.

6. Private colleges are the only institutions of learning making appeals for funds. T F

False. Public colleges are seeking funds also. An attractive brochure from one state college spells out how an individual can give to that institution: by direct gift, will, testimentary trust, living trust and insurance policy.

7. A Christian college is best described as one that offers courses in religion. T F

False. A Christian college (1) insists that the growth of both mind and spirit is essential; (2) undergirds an appreciation of human values with the fundamental spiritual convictions; (3) is made up of a faculty, who not only are specialists in their fields and able to communicate information but who interpret human values and the meaning of life according to spiritual criteria; (4) believes that an adequate curriculum must include studies that relate to man's total life experience; (5) has a concern for the individual religious growth of each student; (6) is a place where the student finds life's greatest meaning in his relationship to God.

8. Women are in a position to make significant contributions to CHEC (the Christian Higher Education Challenge).

T F

True. Women in America own 70 per cent of the wealth, 40 per cent of the real estate, and 50 per cent of the stock in industrial corporations. Probably some of these women are in our Baptist churches, perhaps even in our group, and might want to make a pledge, or an additional pledge, to CHEC. And what is even more important, all women should do all they can to see that their individual—or family—pledges to CHEC are paid promptly.

9. CHEC has made possible additional college scholarships.

T F

True. Twenty-six additional scholarships will be awarded annually by the American Baptist Convention. Additional scholarships will become available from American Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

10. Our church has _____ students attending _____ College. (Name the nearest American Baptist college attended by students from your church and give number attending.) T F

True. (Learn the names of these students and secure interesting facts about them.)

* 11. _____ College (name) received money from CHEC for _____ (purpose). T F

True. (Name the nearest American Baptist college receiving help from CHEC and discover the purpose for which the money is being used. This information may be found in *Baptist Leader*, February, 1960, "Putting CHEC Dollars to Work" by Paul C. Carter, or by writing to Dr. Carter, Director of Public Relations, Board of Education and Publication, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.)

12. The emphasis on Christian higher education is temporary. T F

False. Dr. Lynn Leavenworth, assistant executive director of the Division of Christian Higher Education of the Board of Education and Publication, has said that we will need to promote higher education until people become mature Christians—a reminder that the job is a life-long task for every generation. CHEC has reminded us of higher education, but remembrance is not enough. We need continued support of our Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries; we need to strengthen our student work and scholarship program.

[The meeting could be closed effectively by having sentence prayers remembering the students from your church and all people who are a part of the academic community.]

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: MILDRED KREAGER (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)
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Greetings to my Counterparts!

DO . . .

Check your calendar for the following important dates:

→ 1. Baptist Jubilee Advance

What is the date scheduled for the Baptist Jubilee Advance Second Year Training Program in *your* church?

When is the meeting of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Second Year Committee in *your* church?

Are you participating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance as a member of the training committee? Refer to page 31 of the 1960 spring issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN** for detailed information.

→ 2. Religion in American Life

November is the month during which Religion in American Life (RIAL) is observed. The RIAL project is sponsored by laymen and laywomen. Each local Woman's Baptist Mission Society will find RIAL an excellent means by which to encourage all members in the church and in the community to attend church services regularly.

RIAL provides a Program Kit which includes easy-to-use ideas and literature aids. Order your kit from RIAL, 184 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 25 cents.

You, doubtless, are familiar with the RIAL message: "Find the Strength of Your Life . . . Worship Together This Week," emphasizing the importance of worship for the family, the individual, the community, and the nation. RIAL publicity will appear in your community. It can help to strengthen our own American Baptist emphasis for "Spiritual Renewal."

→ 3. Baptist Day of Prayer

Friday, December 2, 1960, is the day of prayer observed by Baptist women throughout the world. The 1960 service for the Baptist Day of Prayer was prepared by the Baptist women of Australia. The theme is: "Jesus Shall Reign."

One copy of the service for the Baptist Day of Prayer will be sent, free of charge, to each state, association, and local society chairman of Spiritual Life. Only a sufficient number of copies of this service is available to supply each society with *one* copy. Remember, please, that *additional copies cannot be obtained*. If additional copies are desired, doubtless volunteers will be willing to make copies of the service.

If your "prayers overflow into an offering," send the offering to: The National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Make checks payable to: National Council of American Baptist Women. Indicate on the check: "Baptist Women's Day of Prayer." Keep a record of the amount for your annual report.

→ 4. World Day of Prayer

Friday, February 17, 1961, marks the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. The theme is: "Forward Through the Ages."

Become familiar with the amazing story of the World Day of Prayer.

Prepare for this day through prayer fellowships, using material published by United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Understand the reasons for the great interdenominational mission projects supported by the World Day of Prayer offerings.

Seek to double attendance and the offering. The goal for 1961 is \$750,000.

Share a prayer fellowship during February, 1961, with groups in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Canada, and the United States. The president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, will be a member of the team going to Hong Kong.

Initiate World Day of Prayer services in your community, if such services which include women of all denominations are not being conducted.

DO YOU . . .

→ 1. Recognize your responsibilities as a member of the Second Year Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance? If you do not have copies of the following items, order without delay from Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania:

"This Women Can Do in the Baptist Jubilee Advance—Second Year." Price, 10 cents.

"Basic Interpretation," which gives the over-all picture. Price, 20 cents.

→ 2. Understand that groups meeting for Depth Bible Study do not take the place of the church's Bible study of *To the Churches With Love* by E. Stanley McNair?

Be sure you have:

"Guide for Depth Bible Study" by Mrs. Walter Schultz. Order from American Baptist bookstores. Price, 25 cents.

"Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible," a supplementary help by Dr. Ross Snyder. Send your request to me at 4349 Crawford Drive, Madison 5, Wisconsin. Please enclose five cents for each copy.

DO YOU KNOW . . .

→ 1. Where to obtain worship materials?

Some of the finest will be found in our American Baptist mission materials.

Check with your pastor to learn whether the worship services included in the packet of materials for the World Fellowship Offering and the American for Christ Offering are to be used.

Refer to the study guides, prepared by Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens, for the home and overseas mission study books.

Use the beautiful and relevant services in "The Love Gift Kit," when you go to the homes of your shut-ins. Go to their homes for your Depth Bible Study and share with them in their Guild of Intercessors.

→ 2. What to do when you run out of a map on a trip? Turn to "The End of the Road" in *Devotional Programs About People and Places* by Ruth C. Ikerman. Price, \$2.00.¹

→ 3. What is meant by "Wheels within Wheels"? These are circles for prayer in which each person adopts a prayer partner from her group, taking the one whose last name begins with the letter following her own letter in the alphabet.

Devotional leaders of circles meet for prayer; chairmen of Spiritual Life of local societies pray together with the association counterpart; association chairmen join with their state chairmen. State chairmen pray with and for each other across the country, and with their national chairman.

→ 4. What is the meaning of group leadership? Before entering into any small group, face to face, study the responsibilities and privileges of both leader and members of the group.

In Depth Bible Study groups it is not necessary that the leader be a teacher. Depth Bible Study is a personal approach to the Word of God; a sharing of one's interpretation and application of the Scriptures to one's own situation.

When an opinion is voiced by a member of the group it becomes a corporate part of the group thinking. No longer identified with the member who initiates it, this eliminates the personal element and avoids self-consciousness.

→ 5. What change has taken place in the Bible Book of the Month Plan? A special leaflet has been prepared, describing the Bible reading program for a fifteen-month period beginning with the book of the Bible which is recommended for October, 1960. An analysis is given of each of the Bible books to be read during this period. These leaflets are to be distributed to the entire church on Family Covenant Sunday, October 9, 1960.

This Bible Book of the Month leaflet will replace the Bible bookmark for 1961. It may be ordered from American Baptist bookstores.¹ Price, 2½ cents each. Refer to "This Women Can Do in the Baptist Jubilee Advance Second Year," for further information. Check with your

pastor concerning the distribution. Relate this emphasis to the program of your Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Statements from

Chairmen of Spiritual Life

Mrs. Frank Taylor, former state chairman of Spiritual Life in New Jersey, writes: "The quiet times each day are our Spiritual Vitamins. In The Acts, the followers of Jesus 'with one accord devoted themselves to prayer.' What followed? The Day of Pentecost!" Mrs. Taylor suggests a time each day when, "regardless of where you are, a prayer can be whispered."

Mrs. J. W. McCrossen, of New Jersey, presented Bakento-Ba Biblia (Women of the Bible) at the state house party. This is a presentation of our counterparts as found in the Bible. (Available by writing to me.)

Mrs. Robert White, Michigan, sends, bi-monthly to her counterparts, outlines and plans which include prayer calls and ways to use them, the current Bible book of the month, and suggestions for brief worship services.

Mrs. Robert Adams, Newark, Ohio, sent a copy of this stirring letter and gave me permission to share it with you: "Our Woman's Prayer group had a wonderful experience. About two years ago a young Chinese mother, who had recently come to the United States, began to attend our small prayer group which meets weekly. Her knowledge of the Bible was slight; she was a recently professed Christian. . . . She soon began to pray audibly, but always in Chinese for she found it easier to express herself in her native language. One day she asked if we would pray for her sister and family in Hong Kong. They were Buddhist. The parents of her sister's husband, also Buddhist, had become estranged from him and had refused to have anything to do with their son and his family. The husband was out of work. They were destitute. The children were hungry. Our prayer group assured the young woman we would pray for her sister and urged her to write to Hong Kong, telling the sister that there were those who cared for them, that if she would seek God and try to believe in him, her life would be changed. Encouraged by the letters from America, despite misgivings and difficulties, the young mother sought a Baptist church in Hong Kong and was accepted into membership. Shortly thereafter the husband's family wrote to them, asking forgiveness and begging them to come home. The husband found work. He became a Christian and now his mother's family—all Buddhists—have become Christian. Had we not had our prayer group, who knows if this wonderful story could have happened?"

How can we challenge the local chairman of Spiritual Life to see and to feel more deeply the power in her office? Send your suggestions to me that I may share them with other chairmen of Spiritual Life.

¹ American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Penn.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

To the Chairmen of Family Life



From: VIVIAN RANDLE (Mrs. Stacy Randle) (right)

Introducing: MARGARET TRIMMER (Mrs. Francis W. Trimmer) (left)



National Chairman of Family Life

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 718 Bexley Road,
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear friends:

In the 1959-1960 Annual Report, 1102 chairmen of Family Life said they "were co-operating with the Board of Christian Education or the Church Committee on Adult Work." This shows real progress. Yet the question, "How do I become a member of the Committee on Adult Work?" continues to be asked in conferences and by correspondence.

You become a member of the Committee on Adult Work by invitation.

If you are not a member, call the attention of the president of your society, your pastor, or other church officials to the diagram on membership of either the . . .
→ 1. Committee on Adult Work in the Smaller Church;
→ 2. Committee on Adult Work in the Larger Church, as printed in "This We Can Do in Adult Work," which may be ordered from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 15 cents.

Perhaps the desired invitation will be forthcoming!

The importance of representation by the Woman's Baptist Mission Society on this committee is evident when you recall that the responsibility of the Committee on Adult Work includes . . .

→ Planning for special days and observances like Easter, Christmas, and National Family Week;
→ Co-operating with other committees in scheduling Family Life programs;
→ Considering Home Department outreach, parent education classes, etc., for the entire membership.

"The Christian home does not work *with* the church; rather the Christian home is *the church at work*."

Taking Time to Think

Following an address by Dr. Helen Turnbull, director of Leadership Training, United Church Women, at the 1959 National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, each member of the audience was asked to spend half an hour thinking about her responsibility to the church in her home.

In this second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance when the emphasis is on the "Renewal of the Church" it would be especially appropriate to make and to distribute—at your December meeting—copies of the meditation printed in the following column.

The Church in My Home

My Home as the Church

Is my home the wider church? Is my family the church at work? In what respect? What is *my* responsibility to the Church in *my* home?

My Husband

- What really is my relationship to my husband? Do I accept and love him as he is; or honestly, am I trying to make him over?
- Do I love him enough to listen to him; to take time to understand him, even though we are different and even when we differ?
- Do I complement him rather than compete with him?
- Might our relationship be fuller, more complete, finer—more what God would have it be? (Not how might *he* be different—but how might *I* be different?)
- Do we pray together daily?
- Do we read the Bible together?
- Do we say grace at table?
- Do we worship together as a family in church?
- Are we truly one in Christ?
- Is my—our home—a haven of blessing and peace to my husband and to our children?

My Children

- What really is my relationship to my children? In my heart, do I consider them "our" children; or only "my" children? Do I speak of them as our children, my husband's and mine?
- Do I really believe and show in my actions that the father is important in the home, as important as the mother, though in a different way?
- Do my husband and I talk over decisions about the children with each other, or do I alone decide?
- Do we have regular conferences with the children to discuss budgets and allowances, vacation plans, fun plans—such as hours for staying out on dates, use of the family car, etc., school plans?
- Do we know what our children's needs are? Do we know the deep questions they are asking about religion, vocation, sex, war, dancing, smoking, card playing, drinking?

- Do we love our children enough to listen to them, to accept them as they are?
- Do we take time to understand our children? Do we really think what they say is important?
- Do we pray for them and with them?
- Is our home open to our children's friends?
- Are we given to hospitality?

My Wider Family

- Do I really accept my parents, brothers and sisters, other relatives, and my husband's relatives?
- Do I try to understand them, forgive them, accept forgiveness from them?
- Is there anyone in my family—or any one—against whom I hold a grudge?

→ Do my family relationships exclude outsiders? Am I concerned about the lonely, the ill, the bitter, the unfriendly, the poor, the rich, the aging, the alcoholic?

The Widow and the Unmarried Woman

- What is my relationship to my family, whether I make my home with them or not?
- Should I live with any of them?
- Should I have responsibility for any of them? If so, to what extent? What does God mean it to be, deeply and sincerely?
- Do I nurture resentment, bitterness, take a martyr-like attitude or one of self-pity?
- Do my married brothers and sisters want me around? If not, why not?
- What is my responsibility for the Church in my home? Do I excuse myself by saying, "I have no husband, no children, therefore no home, so cannot be expected to take responsibility for other than my parents?" Or do I say, "I have—or can make—a home equal in every way to that of my friends with husbands and children, and am therefore subject to the same obligations?"

What is our vocation in the home?

Pieces of Families

As we study and evaluate the groups in our churches in this year when the emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is "Mission in the Local Church," may we remember that group membership consists for the most part of "pieces of families."

It has been said that the church is doing more to fragmentize the family than any other community organization.

Noteworthy innovations follow:

Some churches are making it possible for members of the choir to join their families and sit in the family pew during communion.

Other churches are holding panel discussions at which time parents and young people have opportunity to talk over common problems.

Still other churches are scheduling various age-group meetings simultaneously so that the entire family may come to the church at the same time: for example, the Baptist Evening Fellowship.

Our Heritage

Eighty-three years ago the women of Chicago formed the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society with the motto, "Christ in Every Home." To implement this great objective, they established "Fireside Schools" to train women in bringing up children by Christian precepts—as well as to read and to write. Although the "Fireside Schools" were discontinued long ago, the original purpose "to train mothers in the development of Christian homes," comes across the decades as a clear and compelling challenge to us. Promoting mothers' or parents' discussion groups leading toward the development of Christian homes is our way of forwarding the work begun so bravely by the pioneer women in 1877.

Always underlying the work of this chairmanship and basic to the development of Christian homes is a study of the Bible by families. Goal number one for 1960-1961, printed in the 1960 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, stresses Bible study, prayer, and reading as we co-operate in the second year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—"The Renewal of the Church."

Homes for the Homeless

"Only a very special kind of person can be a foster parent," said a director of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey. Foster parents love and care for the children entrusted to them. They keep careful records of each child's progress and development. In every way foster parents give the child the same deep affection and tender care that would be given to their own child.

Can you think of a better way to use the time and energy left over after caring for your own household? Christian foster homes are needed desperately. Consult Baptist children's homes near you, or your County Welfare Department for further information.

May I Present . . .

Mrs. Francis W. Trimmer, the new national chairman of Family Life Education. Born in New Haven, Connecticut, educated in Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Trimmer is now doing graduate work in family living at Purdue University, Indiana.

Mrs. Trimmer, the mother of two sons, teaches a class of Purdue students and their wives, leads a Mother-Study group, is a member of the Federated Church of West Lafayette, Indiana, of which her husband is pastor.

While living in New York state, Mrs. Trimmer served as association chairman of Family Life, First Vice-President, and Chairman of Family Life for the State Woman's Baptist Mission Society, dean of state Guild House Party; member of boards of United Church Women and the YWCA.

With this background of theory and practice in the principles of Christian Family living, Mrs. Trimmer brings a great deal to this chairmanship. To her, judging from my experience of the past four years, chairmen of Family Life will give their co-operation and prayers that in working together this area of work within the Division of Christian Training will advance under her leadership.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training



From: **VERDA ALBRECHT** (Mrs. William O. Albrecht) (right)

Introducing: **CLARA COBER** (Mrs. Kenneth Cober) (left)

National Chairman of Leadership Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 618 Forest Road, Wayne,
Pennsylvania



Dear friends:

On April 3, 1960, the one-hundredth anniversary of the employment of the Pony Express for carrying United States mail to the West was observed. That celebration marked the accomplishment in 1860 of what was believed to be an impossible feat. In only ten days the riders of the Pony Express carried mail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California! This task was accomplished only because of the courage, fidelity, and physical endurance of the riders.

Today in a matter of a few hours by way of our modern mail system, I can visit with *you*, in the city, and with *you*, in the village, throughout our American Baptist Convention. Through the pages of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN** information and help reaches each of you promptly in your homes wherever they may be.

Let us pause to see whether our accomplishments are keeping pace with the spectacular increase which has taken place in the speed of delivering mail communications since the days of the Pony Express to the present time.

Accomplishments According to Reports

Doubtless you are eager to learn the facts concerning the 1959-1960 Leadership Training Emphasis: Group Conversation. Thirty-five states conducted training sessions in Group Conversation, which means 100 per cent of the states in the American Baptist Convention. There were 244 association conferences held, and 14,710 women were reported as having participated in Group Conversation training sessions.

The annual reports also indicated the following:

Number of societies reporting	2,449
Training classes for officers	839
Societies using workbooks	1,262
Conferences held by societies	1,770
Training received at association meetings by	19,800
Training received at state meetings by	4,900

Let us continue to increase the momentum of our efforts to bring about greater accomplishments!

Depth Bible Study

During this program year, 1960-1961, American Baptist women are placing their emphasis in the area of Spiritual Life. Depth Bible Study is the method being used. All state chairmen should be certain that the

association leaders not present for the state training conference in Depth Bible Study shall receive this training promptly. Either communicate with them personally or by letter with explicit instructions. A conference in these associations will prove very beneficial.

The second year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is "Mission in the Local Church." The Woman's Baptist Mission Society will want to relate every active and inactive woman to all phases of the program being planned by the church and by the society.

Refer to pages 31 and 35 in the 1960 spring issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN** for information concerning the 1960-1961 leadership training emphasis.

Appraisal

During the fall of 1960, all groups in the church will appraise their respective group to determine the importance of its contribution to the ministry of the church. For this appraisal of your Woman's Society, use the suggested appraisal which you will receive in September, 1960, when you participate in your church's study of *Dynamic Christian Fellowship* by Leroy J. Day, sponsored by the Baptist Jubilee Committee.

An evaluation form, printed on the reverse side of this page, is for an additional study of your Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Make the best possible use of this form to determine what your Society is accomplishing, and whether you are working in the most effective and most efficient manner.

Use this form, also, at your Job Analysis Workshop, or at one of your regular workshops for group evaluation. Refer to Goal 3, page 35, 1960 spring issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**.

Welcome, Mrs. Kenneth L. Cober

It has been a joy and inspiration for me to have had the opportunity to work with you during these past two years. Now I have the privilege of introducing to you the new national chairman of Leadership Training, Mrs. Kenneth L. Cober, of Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Cober has served as president of Rhode Island Woman's Baptist Mission Society, and of the Woman's Society, Central Area of the Philadelphia Baptist Association. She was chairman of the Constitution Committee when the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized, and chairman of the 1955-1956 Program Packet Committee. Mrs. Cober brings to her chairmanship eager enthusiasm and ability. May God richly bless you as you all work together.

EVALUATION

Local Woman's Baptist Mission Society

(revised)

What Are We Doing?

What Should We Be Doing?

Well	Poorly	Not at All		Now	Next Year	Not at All
			Filling all offices with competent and dedicated women.			
			Bringing our society Constitution and Bylaws up-to-date to conform with National plan.			
			Providing in bylaws for a term and a rotation of office.			
			Strengthening leadership through attendance at yearly training conferences, house party, association, state and national meetings.			
			Conducting a Job Analysis Workshop for officers and chairmen.			
			Planning and meeting together as Divisions.			
			Stressing yearly Emphases (goals) in spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.			
			Holding Board of Managers meetings to encourage proper planning and co-ordination of work, allowing time for reports by divisions.			
			Preparing and keeping up-to-date Workbooks. Each officer and chairman briefing her successor, passing on a Workbook, and a file of related materials.			
			Studying the <i>Objectives</i> of a society in <i>Report Book</i> and the <i>Leaders' Guide</i> . Evaluating administration of society's program to strengthen weak areas of work.			
			Obtaining complete annual reports from all officers and chairmen, and sending them to association counterparts on time.			
			Promoting plans for subscriptions to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.			
			Operating on a budget allocating a portion of it to each division.			
			Exhibiting and distributing literature at each meeting.			
			Using Mission Interpreters. Remembering Special Interest Missionaries.			
			Publicizing in area newspaper the activities of the society.			
			Using a definite plan prior to each meeting to involve inactive women.			
			Planning the entire program for the year in advance to bring about a proper balance, incorporating all areas of work. Compile a yearbook.			
			Encouraging the use of The Circle Plan if our society has more than 20 active members. Changing circle membership every year or not less frequently than every other year.			
			Accepting and completing the White Cross quota.			
			Encouraging the formation of employed women's circles.			
			Promoting the formation and program of Fellowship Guilds.			
			Scheduling evening meetings to permit the participation of mothers of young children and employed women.			
			Reaching and using young married women. Providing child care.			
			Encouraging participation in a recommended Family Life Project.			
			Involving the society in a Christian Social Relations project.			
			Providing a library with books on current reading listed in "Literature Highlights" and "Friends Through Books."			
			Reporting the Love Gift offering monthly.			
			Participating in and promoting the projects of United Church Women.			
			Promoting observances of Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.			

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women



From: **GOLDA MORFORD** (right)

Introducing: **RHODA YOUNG** (left)

National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women

Division of Business and Professional Women

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 59 Washington Street, Medford, Massachusetts



Greetings from the Belgian Congo!

[Every reader of a daily newspaper, listener to radio, viewer of TV, knows what has been happening in the Congo since Independence Day, but to have the following report by our former national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women is a privilege reserved for American Baptist women.—Ed.]

It is June, 1960. My sister, Cyretta and I are chugging up the river from Leopoldville to Stanleyville where we are to claim our plane reservation to take us to "the outside." Every boat, plane, and train headed for Leopoldville is packed with Belgian families hurrying to get out of the Congo before June 30, the day on which the natives officially take over the government of the Congo, the day designated by them as Independence Day. Tensions run high here these days and on June 30, when celebrations are under way, there's no predicting what may happen. Most of the incidents to date seem to have been due to tribal quarrels arising from political backgrounds—or perhaps one should add political quarrels arising from tribal loyalties. Here, it seems each large tribe forms its own political party, and it is my understanding that there are over sixty political parties. Thus political clashes are really tribal clashes.

As I think of those who are rushing out to escape the possible dangers accompanying this period of political change in the Congo, I think also of the Christian missionaries who, of course, have no thought of leaving unless their regularly scheduled furlough is due at this time. Christian missions throughout the Congo will attempt to carry out their work as usual.¹

Missionaries are human and probably dread the days and months of unrest and turmoil and instability which are ahead of them here in Congo. But if they dread them, they do not say so; instead they go on figuring ways and means of helping the Christian natives become mature citizens of a new Congo.

Today we rightly fear the infiltration of Communism in new and untried governments. If such infiltration is kept at a minimum in the Congo it will be due to the work and the influence of Christian missions. If the apparent dangers are not kept at a minimum, I would believe that we who remain comfortably at home failing to dig down deep into our purses for the upkeep of Christian missions may let a fair share of the blame fall upon our own shoulders. Those of us who have contacts with American youth doubtless have tried to influence some of those young people to dedicate their lives to Christian service at home or abroad. If we have neglected to do so, we thereby may have placed obstacles in the paths of Christian missions. With greater financial

backing and with more adequate staffing Christian missions could, I believe, do what wars and diplomacy have long failed to do—make the world safe for democracy. It is up to us, the folk back home, to provide the personnel and the financial backing which will make possible not only the continuation but the expansion of the work that is now being done.

Until recent years there were no public schools in the Congo—all schools were administered by missions, Catholic and Protestant. Even today there are comparatively few public schools outside of the large cities. Textbooks and mimeographed materials have been and are being written by missionaries, including our own Baptist missionaries. I saw some excellent teaching plans being prepared by Mrs. Chester Jump with the help of some of our other American Baptist teachers. These plans, prepared in English and tried out by our missionaries, are now being translated by Mrs. Jump, who is not only making the translations but is also having to do the work of mimeographing and assembling—a really stupendous task. The educational work of the Christian missions is tremendous and the influence these missions exert through their educational institutions is immeasurable.

In the field of medicine the Christian missions again are playing a vitally important role. Mission hospitals are training nurses, midwives, assistants, and so forth. Although there are public hospitals, and clinics in the Congo, most of the finest medical progress has been made by Christian medical missionaries. Dr. Carrie Stuart, physician in charge of our American Baptist hospital at Sona Bata, is recognized throughout the area as an outstanding physician. The hospital at Kimpese, under the supervision of our own American Baptist Dr. Glen Tuttle, has the only orthopedic unit in the Congo. The orthopedic unit, opened in 1954, already has over 2,000 completely rehabilitated cases plus many others still under observation and treatment.

In addition to hospital care of diseases of all types and descriptions, Christian missions conduct clinics in the near-by villages. At Kimpese we spent an afternoon at one of these clinics where after participating in a brief worship period, mothers had their babies weighed and carefully checked. While in line waiting their turn many of the mothers sewed quilt blocks provided through White Cross. Many of the babies checked that afternoon were wearing the little shirts which were also provided by White Cross.

At Leopoldville we visited another baby clinic. This clinic was held at the church preceding the meeting of the Woman's Society. All of the mothers remained for the meeting at

¹ Please refer to statement on page 25, entitled "Important!"

which there was a total attendance of seventy-five. Mama Mattie, whom most of you have met through the pages of *Missions*, conducted this meeting which was an election of officers and which closed with a truly inspirational dedication service.

It seemed to me, as I traveled through the Congo, seeing the tremendous influence that Christian missions are exerting on the life of the Congolese through their educational and medical institutions, that they truly are the one great stabilizing factor present in the Congo today. The tragedy is that there are not enough missionaries on the field to accomplish all that needs so desperately to be done.

I am hoping that all of our American Baptist employed women will, during this year, increase their concern for the mission program of our denomination that through their increased interest the program itself may be expanded. Financially many gainfully employed women are in a position to make substantial contributions to our denominational work. Are we giving all that we can? Business and professional women often have opportunities to influence young people to enter full time Christian service at home or abroad. Are we making the most of these opportunities? Employed women also have many opportunities to draw other employed women into our business and professional women's groups, and thus add strength to the total mission program. Are we sure we are making the most of these opportunities?

Annual Reports

I have just finished studying the summary of your annual reports. Reports are valuable only as they indicate accomplishments and reveal weaknesses. Even then they are valuable only if the past year's failure becomes the new year's challenge. It is in that light that I call your attention to portions of the national summary of your state reports.

The number of employed women whose names appear on church membership rolls increased from 21,532 in 1959 to 36,404 in 1960, an increase of approximately 40 per cent. Again, according to the summary of your reports, the number of employed women who are *active* members of our Woman's Societies, was in 1959, 12,811 and in 1960, 15,866. This indicates an increase of approximately 18 per cent. Here we can be happy indeed to note the increased number of employed women *active* in our Woman's Societies. However, when we consider more thoughtfully the relationship between the increase in number of employed women on membership rolls and the increase in number of these employed women who are active in our women's work, we find little cause for congratulating ourselves because of the far too wide gap between what we have done and what needs to be done.

According to reliable newspapers, magazines, and government reports, increases in the number of women entering employment will continue for several years to come and the rate of increase will also rise. This is bound to be reflected in the numbers of employed women on our church rolls. In the past we have noted that the majority of these women who enter employment become *nominal* rather than *active* members of our Woman's Societies. Your reports for this past year indicate that this is still true. Although we increased our *active* members, the per cent of increase was not even half as large as the increase in our numbers on church rolls. We need to ask ourselves: "If this keeps up what is going to happen to the program of Baptist women's work? What can we do about it?"

This whole problem stems from the increase in employment of women. To solve the problem we need to know:

→ 1. What are the effects of this movement on community life?

→ 2. What are the problems, the needs, the interests of employed women? What can the church do to help employed women, or the families of employed women, to adjust to the new day?

→ 3. What opportunities for Christian service are possible for employed women?

In spite of the serious problems created by increases in employment of women, I note from the summary of your reports that less than ten per cent of our groups based even one program on the study of employment of women, their needs, interests, or opportunities for Christian service. Our failure to acquaint ourselves with these facts may conceivably contribute to the ultimate loss to the church of active participation by the majority of its women.

As your national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, I have been proud indeed of the progress that has been made by our Division of Business and Professional Women. Each year has seen not only increased numbers of business and professional women's groups and increased membership within most groups, but it has also been marked by increased participation in the women's work of our denomination. Now I believe that we must be challenged anew. While every year our work has shown commendable progress, the movement of women into employment has "snowballed" and bids fair to keep on gaining momentum. While the problem itself "snowballs" we cannot be satisfied with "commendable progress" toward its solution. I have said before that "today's failure should be tomorrow's challenge." It would seem to me that tomorrow's challenge might well be to find out why the gap between nominal and active employed women within the Woman's Societies has widened, and through increased efforts to try to decrease that gap.

You may be asking why when I am so concerned about increased understanding for missions that I am urging you to spend so much time on the study of employed women. The answer is simple: Every woman added to the *active* list of our business and professional women's groups brings added strength to our Baptist women's program which is basically a Mission Society.

Although I shall not be speaking with you again through the pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, I shall keep you constantly in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Now I Present . . .

To you Miss Rhoda Young, your new national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women.

Miss Young was born in Nova Scotia and grew up in Medford, Massachusetts, where she now lives. She is a graduate of Burdette College, Secretarial School, and has had three years in Northeastern University, School of Law. For the past fifteen years, she has been private secretary to a Boston financier. She has always been active in her own church, the First Baptist Church of Medford. In fact, she is now treasurer of benevolences. Since May 1958, she has been Vice-President of Business and Professional Women for Massachusetts. Under her leadership the business and professional women's work in Massachusetts has made great progress. Those of you who were at our Green Lake Conference in 1959 and 1960 appreciated her splendid leadership.

We are indeed fortunate to have Miss Young as our new Vice-President of Business and Professional Women. She will need—and she will have I am sure—the loyal cooperation and the constant prayers of all her co-workers.

I shall miss you all, but I know that I leave you in good hands.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: ELOISE BEYNON (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.)

National Fellowship Guild Counselor

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 245 West Madison, Holyoke, Massachusetts



New Faces . . . New Names!

Three new faces and three new names have been added to the Fellowship Guild roster for the year 1960-1961. All three names and faces will soon be familiar to you who serve as Guild Counselors, for each one has a part to play in your life.

It is my privilege to introduce Miss Evelyn Marie Huber, associate director of Youth Work with special

responsibility for Junior High Work and the Fellowship Guild. A native of Kansas, Miss Huber is a graduate of Ottawa University and of the Andover Newton Theological School. She has served as director of Christian education for churches in Massachusetts and California, and for the past thirteen years has served in that capacity for the First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Huber attended the recent executive board meeting of the Baptist Youth Fellowship at Green Lake, Wisconsin. She is now officially at home at 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Miss Huber comes to this position with high recommendations from persons throughout the American Baptist Convention. There is no doubt that all of you will hold her in the same high regard as you work with her. Feel free to write her for counsel and use her in your Guild programming as she enters this new field of Christian service.

Miss Evelyn Marie Huber sends her greetings to you. She writes: "It is with real anticipation that I look forward to becoming acquainted with the girls in the Fellowship Guild and with the Fellowship Guild Counselors who work with the Guild girls across the American Baptist Convention.

"Humbly I take up my task for I am keenly aware of all those who have served in this capacity. Grateful is my appreciation for the rich heritage of leadership and spiritual strength these leaders have left behind. I sincerely pray that I may follow in their train and be completely subject to God's will as I work with you."

Miss Donna Palmer is the National Fellowship Guild Chairman for 1960-1961. During the national council meetings of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, Donna Palmer was appointed by the executive committee to serve as our chairman for the coming year. She will enter



Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, as a freshman this fall. Her home state is New York, where she has served as the state chairman of Fellowship Guild. She is a graduate of the Batavia, New York, High School. As our chairman, she will assist in the plans for the 1961 Guild House Party at Green Lake, Wisconsin, and will guide all of the projected plans for the coming year. She sends greetings to all you Guild girls when she says:

"A cheery 'hi' to all Guild Girls! This is the time of year when we have new hopes for a new beginning. I hope that all your plans and ideas are in good shape, so that you will have a smooth running year.

"As you participate in this year's program, keep in mind our national B. Y. F. theme 'and Be Renewed.' With the renewal of ourselves we can't help but be glowing and gracious girls.

"I hope you will always keep your 'I'd love to' spirit, in fulfilling your White Cross quota, and in participating in special B. Y. F. projects.

"My school address will be Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. Please write me and tell me what your Guild is doing.

"My prayers and thoughts are with you this year. God bless you all!"

Miss Betty Ann Homer, 1960-1961 Alma Noble Scholarship Award Winner, is a native of Ithaca, New York. She will enter Cornell University, in Ithaca, this fall, to continue her studies in order that some day she may enter the medical field as a missionary for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. I want to share Betty Ann Homer's thoughts with you:

"I was born in Lockport, New York, but have lived also in Jamestown, Painted Post, and Ithaca, New York. It was in Painted Post that, as soon as I was old enough, I became a member of the Guild. Soon I shall attend Cornell University for my pre-medical training, hoping later to attend the Cornell Medical School in New York City. When I have finished all my training I would like to be a missionary in Africa.



"Recently I learned that I would receive the Alma Noble Scholarship to help with my education. Needless to say, I am delighted. Of course the money will be helpful, but the scholarship means much more than money to me. It means that many fellow Baptists believe in me and my dreams and want to encourage and help me. They want me to represent them in my work. I shall do my best to live up to Christ's standards. As a Guild girl, I was especially happy to find that through the Guild Scholarship the Guild is willing to support my dreams. I will do my best to live up to Guild girls' faith in me. Thank you all!"

House Party Is History

"Take My Life" clearly became the theme of the week, July 9-16, at the Guild House Party, Green Lake, Wisconsin, as Guild girls and counselors—totalling 150—were led in the study of Romans 12 by Mrs. D'Aboy (Helen Tate D'Aboy) of Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. D'Aboy endeared herself to all of us as she helped us to "dig deep into the treasure house of the Lord." Following Bible study with Mrs. D'Aboy, small groups met for Depth Bible Study and theme discussion.

For the remainder of the morning, each girl had her choice of several interest groups. The afternoons were free for the girls to enjoy the Assembly grounds. The evening programs were varied: "News of Thailand" brought by Louise Giffin, our missionary; creative worship during vespers, led by Grace Thornton Lawrence; and a "Skills and Vocations" panel, led by Miss Rhoda Young, the Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, National Council of American Baptist Women. The consecration-communion service, on Thursday evening, and the circle theatre drama, presented by a group of the girls, on Friday evening, were spiritual highlights. The drama, "This Time, With Understanding," written by Miss Rose Grano, combined a dedication of White Cross and Love Gifts with an installation of new officers and rededication of the girls. We are indeed indebted to Miss Grano for the beautiful story of this drama, which will be available for all chapters within the coming year.

"Farewell" was said to Miss Marjorie Wilson who has left the post of Missionary World Outreach and Fellowship Guild Director to continue her studies at Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, West Virginia.

The week for Guild girls and counselors was filled with inspiration, information, activity, and fellowship. I hope you are now making plans to attend the 1961 Green Lake House Party at which time the emphasis will be on Missionary World Outreach.

Tomorrow Is Today

You are probably saying, "Now, that's a queer statement," and you may be correct, but it is very true. When we think of the hundreds of students who will very soon enter college—not to mention those who will enter in the next five years, tomorrow IS today. How can we help? Through our individual chapter contributions to the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund! If you follow carefully the directions which you will receive from your association counselor very soon, we will be able to give more than just one scholarship in the spring of 1961. Fifteen hundred dollars from the 1500 reporting chapters is my goal for the coming year. Will you do your part?

Mounds-Midway Project Packet

One of the Goals for 1960-1961 is the use of this new brochure now available at ten cents per copy from the

Mounds-Midway Hospital Auxiliary, 1700 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Included in the packet are the familiar bibs and table favors plus several new items that Guild girls can easily make. Do take advantage of this opportunity and by helping our own hospital, thereby help the girls in their personal Christian stewardship.

Love Gift Kit

Mrs. George Darling, chairman of Love Gift for the National Council of American Baptist Women, has compiled a kit of materials for promotion of the Love Gift. There are many items within the packet that will, doubtless, be of great value to you in planning for dedication services at each chapter meeting. I suggest that each of you purchase the Primer, if not the complete kit. The price of the Love Gift Kit is \$1.25; the Primer, 25 cents.

In the 1960 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, a special Guild Love Gift Service was printed. This service will give you an idea of the type of service which it is hoped many of you will create and will send to me. There are many girls that have ideas, and need only your encouragement to put these ideas on paper. Will you endeavor to inspire and to encourage your girls to undertake writing this kind of service during the coming year so that 1961 will be remembered as the year of the Guild Love Gift Kit? Only as you send such services to me can there be a Kit especially designed for the Guild girls. I will be eagerly awaiting your creative writings.

Ties to Thailand

Miss Louise Giffin and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Yousko of Thailand were at Green Lake at the time of the Guild House Party and shared with us many of their concerns for their adopted homeland. During the counselors' conference, there was considerable discussion about tangible help that could be given to them. The following list of articles would help them in their work and would give all of us a sense of a real tie to Thailand in the coming days. If your chapter can send any part—if not one of each of the suggested items—it would indicate to the people of Thailand something of our concern and Christian love for them.

1. Picture books—any size—made of cambric—include pictures of babies and children, flowers, birds, Christmas cards, or toys. Please, no pictures of food!
2. Cut-out scenes for flannelgraph usage.
3. Crayons, any type or size.
4. Colored construction paper.
5. Bible pictures—individual size or for framing.
6. Calendars—1961—for wall or table.
7. Small mottoes. These are to be handmade, and are given in recognition for attendance and/or Scripture memorization. Use *your* creative ability here!
8. Toys—educational or stuffed.
9. Easy reading books—with picture—story—or series.
10. Children's clothing—light weight—up to 6x in size. Boys' short pants, shirts and blouses and dresses.

Important: These items are to be sent *only* to:

Miss Louise Giffin
31/1 Suriwangse Road
Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Yousko
Box 29
Chiangmai, N. Thailand

Please refer to page 25 for two important statements regarding White Cross: "Reports Revealed," and "Important."

To the Recording Secretaries

From: LOUISE REAGAN
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)

National Recording Secretary
National Council of American
Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 4140 Rivercrest
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Dear Secretaries:

You are well informed, I am sure, that one of our goals for the year is:

→ Become familiar with the rules of parliamentary procedure. How well informed are you?

To Mrs. Brooks Robertson, recording secretary of Kansas Woman's Baptist Mission Society, we are indebted for the excellent "Parliamentary Procedure Drill" which is printed on the reverse side of this column. Test yourself, then have the drill mimeographed for use in your Woman's Society.

You know, too, that another goal is:

→ Attend a workshop for secretaries. How are you responding? Some of our state secretaries have sent the following information:

Mrs. Lawrence E. Daily, recording secretary of Indiana Baptist Woman's Mission Society, held a conference at house party. Secretaries present enjoyed using the "Parliamentary Procedure Drill," and plan to present this drill in their own societies.

Mrs Jack S. Cullison, secretary of the Ohio Mission Society of American Baptist Women, reports the secretaries' conference that she conducted during the house party "was well received." Mrs. Cullison is making an outline of important points to send to association secretaries who were unable to attend and she is including a copy of the pamphlet, "Simplified Parliamentary Procedure"¹ for their guidance.

Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, secretary of Maine Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, is participating in a leadership training "caravan" to reach women throughout the state.

Be sure to attend your state or association workshop for secretaries, and be sure to share ideas with other secretaries.

Introducing Us All

Secretaries are called upon to do many things. We are indeed, a hardy lot! So if you are ever in charge of the program, may we suggest a skit in the form of a fashion show entitled "Introducing Us All." It was pre-

¹ Order from: The Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., 5225 Sycamore Avenue, New York 71, New York. Price, 5 cents each.

To the Treasurers

From: EVELYN LLOYD
(Mrs. Clarence R. Lloyd)

National Treasurer

National Council of American
Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 218 Bay Ridge
Ave., Brooklyn 20, New York



Greetings, Treasurers!

Have you been wondering about the Valley Forge Fund for Furnishings for the offices of the National Council of American Baptist Women? The report was given on Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, in Rochester, New York, and what suspense was experienced! Almost breathlessly we waited while each state president presented the check representing the sum of money given by the circles and local societies in her state! As each gift was presented, the amount of the check was tabulated on an adding machine. The grand total was announced: \$9,408.67! A litany and dedication of the gifts followed, led by Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Gifts to the Valley Forge Fund for Furnishings are still being received, bringing the total as of July 30, 1960 to: \$9,599.42! State, association, and local treasurers have co-operated enthusiastically in this project and all are to be congratulated for their splendid promotion in raising this money.

(Cut along this line)

Looking Ahead

Now is the time to study your annual report. Search for weak spots in your program. Begin today to strengthen them.

- Do you have in your budget specific provision for the work of each division?
- Are you prepared to buy new literature?
- How many new study and reading books will you make available to your society this year?
- Are you planning to add new books to the Woman's Society or to the church library? (Check "Literature Highlights" when compiling your list.)
- Are you planning for leadership training as a new project or are you extending your present program in this essential area of our Woman's Society program? Will your budget meet the cost?
- Are you developing and earmarking funds to send new leaders to association, state, and national meetings and to house party and Green Lake conferences? Are you concerned that they shall receive the training they will need to carry out a more effective work, be it in the local, association or state society?
- Did you complete your White Cross quota? If not, did you make plans at once to increase that fund to take care of the extra expenses of shipping, of Refit Fund, etc.?

→ As treasurers, are you promoting to the utmost the financial support for these projects?

Conferences for Treasurers

Two national meetings for treasurers were held during the summer of 1960: one on Woman's Day, June 2, in Rochester, New York; the other during the National Women's Conference at Green Lake in July. It is hoped that an increased number of treasurers will attend similar conferences when scheduled in the future, that they may share ideas and strengthen the promotional functions of treasurers in their respective organizations. A help in this direction is a new book, by Helen Kingsbury Wallace, entitled *Stewardship for Today's Woman*. Miss Wallace emphasizes in her book: "Stewardship is synonymous with total dedication. It thereby demands that the woman become all that she is capable of becoming and develop to the utmost her every possession." *Stewardship for Today's Woman* is available at all American Baptist bookstores.¹ Price, \$1.75.

A Budget for Your Society

During the past year many requests have been received for help in setting up a budget. This apparent need for assistance has come as a forceful indication that a "model budget" would give valuable aid.

Need for a model budget seems most evident in the local society. If all local societies, as well as all associations and states, will adopt budgets similar to the model budget which you will receive shortly—allowing for variations required by local conditions—the working financial power of local, association and state societies within the National Council of American Baptist Women will be greatly facilitated. Funds available when and where needed are the lubricants of our great work within the American Baptist Convention.

The model budgets for state, association and local societies—which should be mailed to you early in October—have been prepared after thorough study of the many budgets submitted for this project, and after consultation with numerous American Baptist women leaders, both in Rochester and Green Lake conferences.

The model budgets are offered with the earnest hope that all societies will carefully consider their adoption in their respective areas.

What About Fairs . . .

The response to the first reprint of the article "What About Fairs and Festivals," written by the Reverend Paul L. Sturges, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, has been most gratifying. Ten thousand copies—the first reprint—are in circulation.

If you desire a copy—or additional copies—write to the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. The second reprint will be available shortly. Price, \$1.00 per 100 copies; sold in quantities of 100 or more.

¹ American Baptist bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

sented at the Seventh National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, and may be adapted for state, association or local use. The duties of each office are included as they relate to the fashions worn or articles carried by the "models." Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 25 cents.

Parliamentary Procedure Drill

True or False

(Suggestion: Ask your president and chairman of Leadership Training to use this drill as part of one of your programs. Allow ten minutes for recording answers. Five points for each correct answer.)

1. The reading of the minutes comes first in the regular order of business. T — F —
2. One duty of the president is to keep calm at all times. T — F —
3. The president should keep a list of committees on table while presiding. T — F —
4. It is the duty of the president to appear on the rostrum a few minutes before the time the meeting is to be called to order. T — F —
5. The vice-president may change or modify rules made by the president, should the president be absent for a length of time. T — F —
6. If, in the case of the resignation of the president, the vice-president does not care to assume the office of president, the vice-president must also resign. T — F —
7. Brief extracts from speeches, with comment, may and should be included in secretary's minutes. T — F —
8. Exact wording of every motion, whether lost or carried, is part of the records of secretary. T — F —
9. All that is necessary for a secretary to have in her possession is a sharp pencil, an eraser, her secretary's books, and sharp ears. T — F —
10. It is the duty of the secretary to notify all persons nominated or elected to any committee. T — F —
11. The motion to adjourn cannot be entertained when a speaker has the floor. T — F —
12. An amendment to the motion need not have a majority vote. T — F —
13. On a tie vote the motion is lost. T — F —
14. Nominations are never seconded from the floor. T — F —
15. A person may *not* be elected, even if she receives a majority of votes, if she has not been nominated from the floor or by the nominating committee. T — F —
16. A member may withdraw her name from the nomination list in favor of another member. T — F —
17. The chairman of elections reads reports giving the number of votes for each person. T — F —
18. An officer must be installed before assuming responsibility of office. T — F —
19. When the vote is by ballot, the president casts her vote also. T — F —
20. Minutes should contain a record of what is done and not what is said. T — F —

Answers for Parliamentary Procedure Drill

1. False. The president calls the meeting to order first.
2. True.
3. True. This list should be furnished by secretary.
4. True; 5. False; 6. True; 7. False; 8. True.
9. False. She should have a copy of bylaws, standing rules, book of parliamentary procedure, list of members, list of unfinished business, etc.
10. True; 11. True; 12. False.
13. True. If it is an oral vote.
14. True. Except as a complimentary endorsement, usually in politics.
15. False. A name can be written in on ballot, and with majority of votes person can be elected.
16. False. She may withdraw her name but not in favor of another.
17. True; 18. False; 19. True; 20. True.

From: FAITH BAILEY (Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)

National Chairman of Publicity

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 215 South High Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania



Dear Chairman of Publicity:

You are a brand-new chairman of Publicity, duly elected and installed last spring. But now fall is here, and you are confused.

You have no page in the Annual Report Book to serve as silent guide. This is the first time your society has ever elected a chairman—an all-knowing predecessor doesn't exist. Until now, your specialities have been shrimp casseroles and book reviews, and they don't in any way prepare you for a career as a lady-publicist.

What Should You Do?

→ 1. Face the terrible truth that you must figure things out for yourself to a certain extent. You may have been sure that there was a printed booklet or brochure or guide that would give you all the answers, straight from headquarters, if you only knew where to write and send your quarter. Unfortunately, no such guide exists (we hope it will someday).

But until then you will have to put two and two together, and you were probably elected because you are able to do so!

Here in a brief space, however, I want to give you some of the elements that will, when added up, total the responsibilities of your job and how to meet them.

→ 2. First, understand that your job divides neatly in half. You are responsible for both *internal publicity* and *external publicity*. *Internal* is telling your own church women about your society. *External* is telling anybody and everybody else—your community, your denomination.

Your mental approach to *internal* publicity is very different from your approach to *external*. So are your methods.

→ 3. With this understanding in mind, take a sheet of plain white paper and rule it in half across the center. Horizontally along the top inch of the upper half, list the year's events in your society, making a vertical column for each.

Your listing might be as simple as this:

| October meeting | November meeting | Christmas meeting |
and so on.

The upper half of your page will be your guide to *internal* publicity, the lower half for *external*.

→ 4. Now you are ready to create your guide. On a separate page, jot down all the ways in which you could tell your church women—active and inactive—about the October meeting. Your list might read something like this: mimeographed postcards to all inactive women,

notice in church calendar for three successive Sundays, a spot announcement from the president at church school workers' conference, and so on.

Now go back to your guide and think about how you want to call the October meeting to the attention of your women—and November—and so on.

Consider external publicity next. Your list might read: news release on guest missionary to local paper (include photograph), fact sheet to radio station suggesting missionary for interview spot, posters in YWCA lobby. Now plan your year's approach to external publicity.

Try not to repeat the same method (especially for reaching your own women) two months in succession. As you plan, write in approximate dates for your campaign—flyers to be mailed out two weeks before meetings, posters in YWCA lobby three weeks in advance, etc.

→ 5. You are still sitting there with a blank sheet of paper? Then you need to refer to some standard books on publicity know-how to give you both ideas and practical methods for carrying out those ideas. (Your self-made guide is for applying them to your own situation.) These books are listed in "Literature Highlights," and your chairman of Literature has a copy. For a three-page listing of how-to-do-it books on publicity, communicate with your state chairman of Publicity.

→ 6. But your guide isn't finished yet. Take another sheet of paper and draw a diagonal line from the upper left-hand corner to the lower right. At the upper left, write "national, state, and association information." In the lower right, write "society." Now rule this page in half across the center.

• You see, a chairman of Publicity halves her job in these two ways, also. She keeps the news of national, state and association events and plans flowing through her to her society. And she channels back to her association or state chairman of Publicity any truly outstanding news about her society.

• Write *those* words on the sheet as a year-round reminder. Then fill in the factual details as news comes to you during the year—either from the "upper left" or the "lower right." Remember, your job is to keep the news flowing both ways along that diagonal line!

→ 7. As a theme to underlie everything you do, consult the 1960-1961 goals and emphases, listed in the 1960 spring issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**. And—read, study, go to a workshop, read again and then practice!

Please note my new address: We are in our new home, close to Philadelphia and Valley Forge. My husband is now serving as the pastor of the Baptist Church of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

